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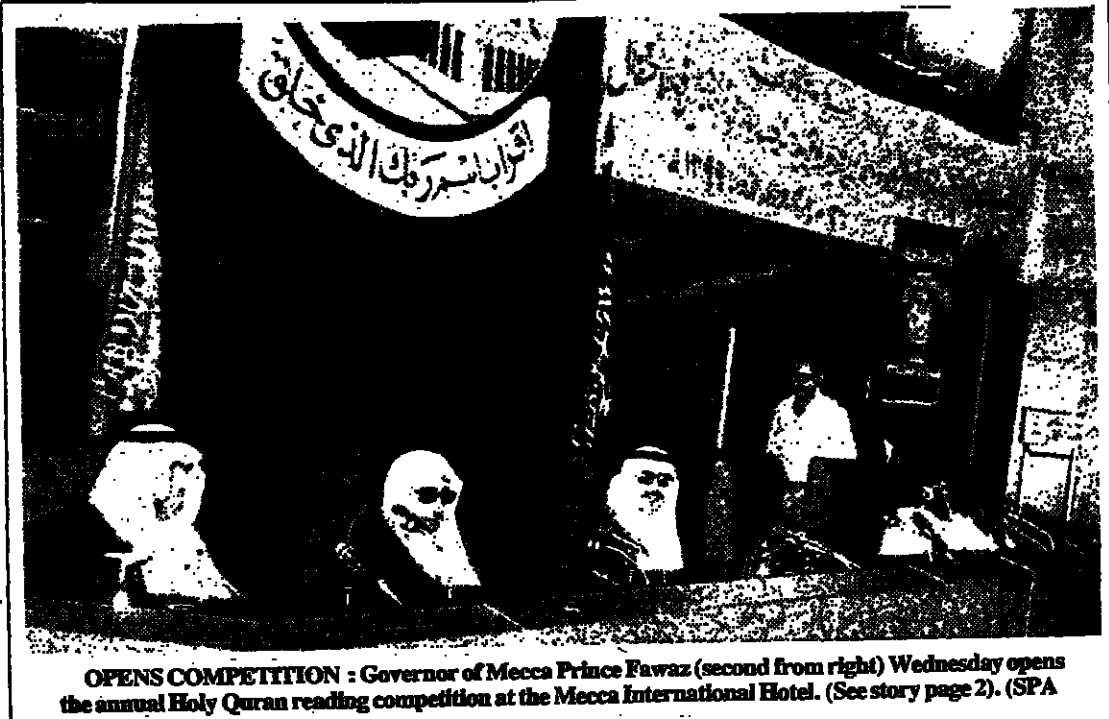


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OPENS COMPETITION: Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz (second from right) Wednesday opens the annual Holy Quran reading competition at the Mecca International Hotel. (See story page 2). (SPA photo)

U.S. senator meets officials

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — U.S. Sen. William Roth Jr., R-Del., arrived here Tuesday night and met with senior Saudi officials Wednesday.

Roth met Second Deputy Premier and commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah early in the day. The meeting was also attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijiri, assistant deputy commander of the Guard.

Later the senator met with Minister of Petroleum and mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani. The two men discussed oil.

Sen. Roth also discussed commercial cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. with Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Solaim.

Troops parade in Tehran in support of government

TEHRAN, April 18 (AP) — Thousands of flower-garlanded soldiers paraded through the Iranian capital Wednesday in support of national religious Ayatollah Khomeini and the country's new Islamic republic.

Tehran's prominent religious leader, Ayatollah Taleghani, meanwhile appealed to supporters to cease public protests against Khomeini's revolutionary committees in an apparent effort to defuse rising factional tensions in the capital.

Wednesday's military parades, which also took place in provincial centers, were an effort to boost sagging army morale in Iran and show the new republic's military strength. Khomeini had called for the marches and dubbed Wednesday "Islamic Army Day."

The Iranian army, once the strongest and best equipped force in the Gulf, suffered a high desertion rate during the revolution and many of its top commanders have been executed for their part in the abortive attempt to put down the popular uprising against the Shah.

Soldiers in Tehran, many carrying weapons with flowers in the barrels, marched to the beat of drums down the city's main boulevards. They hoisted large posters of Khomeini and green Islamic flags as crowds of bystanders clapped their approval.

At one point along Iran Novin Street, civilians broke through army ranks and soldiers and civilians broke into impromptu dances.

Iran's American-supplied F-4 Phantom jets streaked overhead, helicopters repeatedly circled the city and army paratroopers descended on Freedom Square, where the Shah had built a massive monument to 2,500 years of monarchy in Iran.

Several thousand other demonstrators, meanwhile, rallied at various points in the city Wednesday to protest the arbitrary arrest of the two sons and daughter-in-law of Ayatollah Taleghani last week by unidentified revolutionary committee guardsmen.

The pro-Taleghani demonstrations marked the fourth straight day of demonstrations against the committees, which run a parallel government to that of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

The marches were demanding the purging of "counter-revolutionary elements" from the Khomeini committees.

Taleghani Wednesday, in an appeal broadcast, on state radio, asked his supporters to cease all further marches in an apparent effort to diffuse the situation.

"I shall be with you in the near future," Taleghani said. "After reviewing the current incidents with Ayatollah Khomeini, I shall inform you of the relevant facts."

Taleghani, Tehran's religious leader, went into seclusion at an unknown location last week after an unidentified group of committee guards detained his relatives and allegedly abused them in the process.

No reason was given for the incident, but there was speculation that Khomeini supporters were responsible.

"The revolutionary council will not remain idle in the face of these plots and groups," said a statement from that group. It accused "counter-revolutionaries" of being responsible.

It said none of the official Khomeini committees or guardsmen took part in the affair.

More than 20,000 persons marched in Tehran Tuesday to protest the arrests. Reports Wednesday said a massive pro-Taleghani march was scheduled to begin from the Ayatollah's Tehran residence later in the day.

The arrest and detention of Taleghani's relatives have acted as a catalyst for anti-committee sentiment in Iran. Foreign Minister Karim Sanjabi resigned from office Sunday. He cited committee interference in government affairs as the cause of his resignation.

Bazargan has frequently complained that arbitrary committee actions have undermined government authority and credibility.

In other developments, Soviet Ambassador to Iran Vladimir Vinogradov warned Iran's Foreign Ministry that the Israel-Egypt peace accord poses a threat to the Eastern Mediterranean and also drew attention to American naval forces in the Indian Ocean.

Iran's official PARS news agency said Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary Ahmad Salamatin told the ambassador Iran's policy in the Indian Ocean was to oppose outside interference in the area and that Iran condemns the Israeli-Egyptian peace plan.

Meanwhile, revolutionary courts in Tehran and the provinces Wednesday executed seven more persons accused of killing innocent persons, the state radio said.

The court in Kerman sentenced 11 other persons to jail terms ranging from ten years to three months.

As the military parades ended thousands of supporters of Khomeini (Continued on back page)

Arab fund suspends Egypt 'indefinitely'

ABU DHABI, April 18 (Agencies) — The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) has decided to indefinitely suspend Egypt's membership, officials of the fund reported here Wednesday.

The officials, who did not wish to be identified, said the decision was taken unanimously by the board of governors of the bank meeting here, and will be announced officially later.

The Egyptian suspension from the AMF follows similar steps taken by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development and the Arab Fund for Economic Development in Africa.

These measures followed a decision of the conference of Arab League foreign and finance ministers in Baghdad last month to impose a total economic and political boycott against Egypt, in retaliation for the signing of a separate peace treaty with Israel by President Anwar Sadat.

The AMF is the Arab equivalent of the International Monetary Fund, set up to assist Arab states when they encounter balance of payment deficits.

Meanwhile the Arab Postal Union will hold an emergency conference in Qatar early next month to discuss the possible suspension of Egypt's membership, communications officials said Wednesday.

The conference was also expected to discuss the removal of the union's headquarters from Cairo to some other Arab capital, they added.

The union, which includes all Arab states, was created in 1952 as an organ of the Arab League.

In Cairo Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said an Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) decision to suspend Egypt "was motivated by a grudge," the authoritative Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported Wednesday.

Khalil told "Al-Ahram" there was nothing in the OAPEC charter which allowed the suspension or expulsion of a member state.

He added that this decision and other resolutions suspending Egypt's membership in other inter-Arab organizations "will not move (the Middle East) cause, and have nothing to do with it. They are mere decisions indicating a grudge against Egypt."

A statement by the ministry of petroleum published by "Al-Ahram" said Egypt "will not accept this resolution which is null and void."

Khalil's remarks were echoed by Egyptian Oil Minister Ahmad Ezzeddin Hilal who said the OAPEC decision was illegal.

Commenting on the decision, Hilal told reporters: "Egypt was not invited and I personally asked the OAPEC why Egypt was not invited and I was told by the OAPEC secretariat this was done to avoid embarrassing Egypt."

He claimed the Kuwait meeting and its decisions were "illegal and will have no impact on Egypt. We do not import a drop of crude oil from the Arab world." He added: "It is a nervous decision."

In another development the organizing committee of the Arab League's proposed new headquarters in Tunis warned Tuesday that any member of the League, secretariat who fails to report for duty in Tunis by May 26 will be expelled.

The six-member committee also ordered all member states to make their future payments of membership dues to Tunis in accordance with the League's decision to remove its headquarters from Cairo.

Egypt, Israel delay documents' exchange

CAIRO, April 18 (Agencies) — The exchange of ratification documents on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty has been postponed from Sunday until Wednesday, a foreign ministry spokesman said here Wednesday.

The spokesman said the ceremony will now be held on April 25 instead of Sunday which coincides with the Shamel Nassim and Coptic Easter holidays.

The ratification documents are being exchanged at Om Khosheiba, a U.N. monitoring station near the Giddi Pass in the Sinai.

The Egyptian delegation is expected to be headed by the minister of state for foreign affairs Boutros Ghali.

The spokesman said the delaying of the ceremony would not affect the handover of the Sinai coastal town of Al-Arish to Egypt on May 26.

In an earlier development, the Israeli government Tuesday named Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party to head its six-man team for negotiations with Egypt over Palestinian autonomy.

Burg's appointment was recommended by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and approved by an 11-man cabinet committee that will oversee the talks aimed at establishing a Palestinian self-governing authority in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The negotiating team includes Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and minister without portfolio Moshe Nissim.

The 70-year-old Burg said he accepted the position on the condition that Israel's negotiating stance not conflict with his personal views.

The National Religious Party has pressed the government to adopt a hard line in the talks to ensure continued Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Gaza under autonomy and forestall any possibility of an eventual Palestinian state in the areas.

'Self-rule' declared in southern Lebanon

METULLAH, Israel, April 18 (Agencies) — The commander of right-wing forces in south Lebanon Wednesday declared the region an independent "Free Lebanon."

Maj. Saad Haddad told a press conference in Metullah that the decision to declare an independent Lebanon in the south of the country was taken at a meeting of representatives of the 100,000 inhabitants south of the Litani River, held at Marjayoun Wednesday morning.

The move followed the arrival in U.N.-controlled areas of south Lebanon of a 500-strong Lebanese army contingent. Haddad claimed Wednesday the Lebanese battalion was pro-Syrian.

Haddad said the new "independent" region would only recognize the authority of the Beirut government again after all Palestinian and Syrian troops had left Lebanon.

Calling for the resignation of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, he described the Palestinians and Syrians as "disruptive foreign forces."

Haddad has been disavowed by the Lebanese government.

Earlier, a U.N. spokesman said the right-wing forces in the south had launched a massive artillery barrage against U.N. peace-keeping forces.

In a counter-claim, Haddad said his own forces had been shelled by Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese army units moving into the area.

"This proves that they are all working hand-in-hand and is proof that the Lebanese army is controlled by the Syrians," he said.

Haddad said he had not consulted Israel before declaring an independent southern Lebanon and had not had time to consider whether Israel would support his move. But Lebanon's state radio called Haddad's statement "Israeli-inspired secession."

A political structure for the region would be considered later, Haddad added.

The area under the control of the forces led by Haddad covers some 900 square kms, in a region 90 kms long by 10 kms deep along the Israel border.

Its population includes some 60,000 Shiites and about 40,000 Maronites with some druze residents.

Meanwhile, U.N. sources said two children were killed when the headquarters of the U.N. Irish battalion was shelled by rightists. And Israeli heavy artillery pounded areas around the port of Tyre.

Samir Sambar, a U.N. spokesman in Beirut, also reported two civilians were killed from Haddad's shelling in the Irish area near Tibnin, a former Lebanese army garrison town, and that the Norwegian and Nigerian areas also were being pounded by Haddad's guns.

U.N. officials said groups of 30 Lebanese soldiers each were assigned to the Senegalese, Fijian, Dutch, Nigerian and Irish areas, and the remainder occupied a large area east of Tyre.

A U.N. spokesman meanwhile confirmed a clash at U.N. headquarters at Naqoura on the Lebanon-Israel border.

He said a Norwegian U.N. helicopter came under rightist machine-gun fire as it was about to land in Naqoura. U.N. armored personnel returned the fire.

Three uniformed gunmen tried to lay explosives around the helpaid but a further machine-gun burst was fired from militia positions, the spokesman said.

One rightist was killed and one was wounded in the exchange, the spokesman said, but he made no mention of unconfirmed reports that an American officer had been abducted by the rightists.

The spokesman said U.N. civilian staff at Naqoura had been evacuated following the clash. The Israeli border had been closed and staff were waiting on the Lebanese side to cross.

The long-awaited Lebanese army move is aimed at re-establishing a government presence in troubled southern Lebanon. But the right-wing militias have consistently refused to bow to either government or U.N. control.

The Israeli-backed militia rained shells on a southern hilltop village as soon as the Lebanese column arrived.

The convoy ground to a halt as troops took cover but later moved on again—in contrast to last July's attempt to deploy the newly-rebuilt Lebanese army in the South. At that time, rightist shelling pinned down a contingent in the village of Kawka, 30 km (20 miles) north of here.

Lebanese sources said two Lebanese soldiers were wounded in the shelling.

As Haddad declared "self-rule," Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss arrived in Damascus for talks with Syrian officials on the situation in his country and latest Arab developments.

He was greeted on the Syrian-Lebanese border by Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Halabi and other senior officials. He was due to meet President Assad later.

China condemns Israeli attacks on Palestinians

PEKING, April 18 (Agencies) — China's leading newspaper, the "People's Daily," Wednesday condemned recent Israeli attacks on villages and Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon.

The paper said that in order to solve the Middle East question, it was imperative to force Israel to withdraw its troops from occupied territories and restore the national rights of the Palestinian people.

"The new Israeli provocations show that Israel obstinately sticks to its reactionary stand of occupying Arab territories and denying the national rights of the Palestinian people," the daily said.

Earlier Tuesday Israel complained to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim over the shelling last Wednesday of the Israeli towns of Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya from across the Lebanese border and said the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had claimed responsibility.

In his letter, Israeli U.N. representative Yehuda Blum said: "These outrages underline the fact that the task of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) of restoring international peace and security...is being directly challenged by the same subversive elements which have consistently endeavored to use Lebanese territory for the purpose of launching attacks on Israel."

He also said that, in an attempt to undermine the Middle East peace process, "the opponents of peace" use the PLO as their "instrument," which has been granted irregular privileges at the U.N., "in clear violation of the charter of the U.N. and of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and other organs of the organization."

Blum said the Israeli government "was duty bound to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens."

As Blum submitted his government's complaint, Palestinian commandos said Tuesday night they killed or wounded a number of Israelis and destroyed artillery positions in operations over the past 24 hours.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa said in Damascus the commandos planted bombs in two buses at two bus stops in Jerusalem Tuesday. The bombs exploded, killing or wounding an unknown number of passengers, it added.

Muslim body raps Jerusalem attack

JEDDAH, April 18 (SPA) — The World Muslim Conference Wednesday strongly condemned the recent attack by "Jewish gangs" on the Islamic Association and religious endowments offices in Jerusalem.

The conference said the gangs destroyed copies of the holy Koran and tore up important files and historic documents.

The group's statement said that such actions are contrary to all moral and human values, and said the "attack by the Zionist gangs is in line with previous attacks on Muslim holy places in Jerusalem, which began with setting fire to the Al-Aqsa mosque shortly after the Israeli occupation of the city in 1967."

According to a report in "Al-Madina" Wednesday, the group's concern has been echoed by the Saudi government, which has contacted a number of Islamic countries to discuss the destruction.

King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd were reported to be very concerned over the incident, the newspaper said.

It said Prince Fahd, presently in Spain, has asked that a full report on the incident be prepared urgently and sent to him.

The Kingdom is expected to take up the issue at the international level, the newspaper said.

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Iraq asks U.N. to 'keep its distance' from Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty

UNITED NATIONS April 18 (Agencies) — Iraq has warned that the United Nations "must keep its distance absolutely" from the recent Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty that grew out of the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Tuesday said that "to associate the United Nations with this treaty in any way would entail consequences likely to upset relations between the United Nations and the Arab states, which have collectively rejected the treaty."

He said there would be similar consequences for the United Nations' relation with the nonaligned movement and the Islamic Conference, "since they support and sympathize" with that Arab position.

Hammadi said the treaty ignored all U.N. decisions on the question of Palestine and had been prepared "outside the sphere of the United Nations," denying "its fundamental role with regard to the question of Palestine since the beginning."

He said attempts were being made to associate the United Nations with "that unjust treaty" and make it share responsibility for implementing treaty provisions.

An annex to the treaty provides that the U.N. Emergency Force now separating Egyptian and Israeli troops in the Sinai Peninsula shall be redeployed in the course of Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky told a reporter recently that "we oppose any U.N. involvement" in implementation of the treaty. Asked if he would vote accordingly in the Security Council, he replied, "I suppose so."

The issue is not likely to come up in the Council till the current mandate of the U.N. force runs out in late July, at which point Troyanovsky presumably will get definitive instructions of how to vote on whatever resolution may be put before the Council.

The United States is committed to get together a multinational force outside the U.N. framework if use of U.N. troops is blocked.

In Paris, meanwhile, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said Wednesday that the Palestinian problem, key to a peaceful Middle East settlement, could be solved, but only by the Palestinians and the Israelis.

"The Russians have failed to solve this problem," he said. "The Americans, of course, have failed, and so have Egypt and the other Arab countries. All of them have failed utterly. So there is only one way left: The Palestinians and the Israelis must get together and solve their fundamental problem, and they can do it."

Kreisky, in Paris to launch the French edition of his book "Austria Between East and West," said public opinion in Israel was moving towards favoring a solution of the Palestinian problem.

"It was significant that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan should say recently that Israel might have to decide whether returning the occupied Golan Heights was a price worth paying for peace with Syria," he said at a press conference.

"Such a remark would have been unthinkable a year ago. We are moving closer towards grappling with the core of the Palestinian problem."

The Jewish-born Austrian chancellor said: "A Palestinian state, even a mini-Palestinian state, will survive because its inhabitants will want to breathe life into it."

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Arrives Friday

Belgian foreign minister to visit

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, April 18 — Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet is to pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia next week for talks that will concentrate on Belgian assistance to development, the Middle East peace treaty and energy problems, Belgian Ambassador Andre de Schutter said Wednesday.

He was confirming a report from Reuter in Brussels that quoted a Foreign Ministry announcement of the visit. Although de Schutter said that Simonet's exact program had not yet been finalized, the Brussels Foreign Ministry said that he would be received by King Khaled and hold talks with his counterpart Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Simonet will arrive with a party of five civil servants from his ministry and three journalists on Friday, and leave on Monday. De Schutter said that all subjects of common interest will be discussed by the two foreign ministers, including the international scene.

The peace treaty signed by President Sadat with Israel late last month will certainly be one of the major points of interest. De Schutter said that Simonet will base his remarks on the statement issued shortly afterwards by the European Economic Community, which expressed reservations about the treaty in its neglect of the rights of the Palestinian people.

Treatment plant to be built

Mecca water panel discusses springs

JEDDAH, April 18 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Wednesday presided over a meeting of officials to discuss purifying and using water from springs and wells in Mecca.

How sewage water could be used after treatment in irrigating parks and farms near Mecca and Jeddah was discussed.

Setting up two water networks in Jeddah and Mecca, one for drinking water and the other for different domestic purposes was considered. The meeting was attended by Yahya Koshak, director-general of the Department of Water and

but saw it as a "first step" toward a comprehensive peace.

The specific implications for Egypt, including the Arab political and economic boycott, will be less important to Simonet, as he will be thinking in terms of the overall situation.

Simonet will also be interested in energy, looking for solutions that Belgium should adopt within the framework of the Common Market for short-term solutions to the present difficulties.

Belgium made no official comment on the results of the Geneva OPEC ministers' meeting last month, when the benchmark price for Arabian light crude was raised to the level previously agreed for the final quarter of this year and individual member states were permitted to impose surcharges on their lifting.

De Schutter says that Brussels understood price increases were inevitable, and saw no need for drama.

Simonet and his party will also discuss how Belgium can further contribute to the Kingdom's development.

De Schutter said that the visit will be part of a "continuing dialogue" between Belgium and Saudi Arabia, and with a new government taking office three weeks ago Brussels felt it was time to renew contacts.

Simonet last met Prince Saud when King Khaled paid a state visit to Belgium in May last year. He had come to Jeddah in November 1977.



IN JEDDAH: Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet meets Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal in Jeddah in November 1977. Wednesday it was announced he was to begin an official visit to the Kingdom Friday.

In February

Kingdom will host Gulf races

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — The second pace meeting for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Cup will be held next February in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Bandar ibn Fahd ibn Saad, vice-chairman of the Saudi Racing Club's Racing and Arbitration Committee, told a press conference that the idea of holding the competition was sponsored by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and his deputy Prince Badr.

The idea was adopted by Qatar, which hosted the first event last February.

Prince Bandar said that jockeys from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, North and South Yemen would ride.

The constituent committee of the Gulf and Arab Peninsula Cup held its second session Monday evening under Prince Badr, who is also vice-chairman of the Racing Club. It decided that the event would have four races and that each country could enter two horses.

No fewer than 10 horses and not more than 14 could compete in each race. In case there are fewer than seven horses, the host country

can add its own horses. SR60,000 or the equivalent will be the prize money for the winning owner. The cup will be awarded to the country which scores the highest number of marks.

In case of a draw, the cup will be awarded to the country which came first in most races. The host country will give all the prizes, as has been the case.

Prince Bandar said that the purpose of holding such events was to follow the precepts of Islam and the command of the Holy Prophet "to assemble our youths and sportsmen and foster the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity."

The princesaid that King Khaled had ordered all prizes doubled in the forthcoming season. The Khaled Prize will be SR100,000 instead of SR50,000, the Crown Prince Fahd Prize SR60,000 instead of SR30,000, and prizes and cups offered by various firms and individuals will be raised from SR10,000 to SR20,000.

Prizes for camel racing will go to SR5,000, instead of the present SR2,500. In addition, there will be a special race for amateur riders whose prize will be SR40,000. The best amateur riders will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals at the end of each season.



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

Fawaz opens competition for Holy Quran readers

MECCA, April 18 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz, deputizing for King Khaled, Wednesday opened the annual Holy Quran reading competition at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Representatives from 34 countries and 41 Islamic organizations and associations from across the world are participating in this first competition, which will last until May 6.

The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Amadou-Karim Gaye, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Sheikh Nasser ibn Ismail, the speaker of Malaysia's Parliament, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the secretary-general of the Muslim World League, and other prominent figures.

The competition is to be relayed by television satellite to television in all parts of the world.

Each country is represented by two readers. The competition is held twice a day, from 9.30 a.m. and from 4.30 p.m.



Prince Fawaz

North and south

Power studies finished in 9 months

JEDDAH, April 18 — Studies on the five power projects of the Northern and Southern Provinces are expected to be completed within nine months, Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, the governor of General Electricity Organization has said.

Quoting Zamel, "Al-Riyadh" said Wednesday that the Hail-Jouf project in the Northern Province is being examined by a Saudi-German company, while a Saudi-American firm is studying the project in the southwestern region. It is also studying linking projects in Namas, Bisha and Najran with existing facilities of Asir and Baha.

Zamel added that the Qassim central power project was under execution, and would eventually be linked to the Riyadh district network. Bids have been opened recently for the extension of high voltage

Direct dialling to U.S. possible

JEDDAH, April 18 — Telephone subscribers can now make direct calls to 15 cities in the United States, "Al-Jazirah" reported Wednesday.

Subscribers can dial Baltimore (614), Boston (617), Chicago (312), Des Moines (515), Detroit (313), Duluth (218), Kansas City (816), Los Angeles (213), Memphis (901), New York (201), New Orleans (504), New York City (212), Pittsburgh (412), St. Louis (314) and Washington (202). The caller must dial 001 for the United States, then the city code and then the number.

cables from Qassim to Riyadh through Quwaiah and Dawadmi, covering nearly 475 kilometers, he said. Riyadh was being connected with Kharj through a high voltage grid.

A study was being carried out to determine the possibility of exchanging power on a grid between the Eastern and Central

Provinces, as it would be much cheaper than transporting fuel from one area to another. Power could be generated in the Eastern Province through the desalination plants.

That would work by harnessing the steam created in the process of desalination, that eventually becomes sweet water to drive turbines.

Norway minister to visit

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — Norway's minister of energy will arrive in the Kingdom April 27 on a three day visit during which he will confer with Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

25 Dhahran cadets graduate

DHAHRAN, April 18 (SPA) — Commander of the Eastern Province Lt. Gen. Ali Yusuf Al-Bouri Wednesday attended the graduation of 25 cadets from Dhahran Airbase's Technical Studies Institute, including a number of North Yemen, nationals. The cadets are trained for two and a half years on engineering and electronics before being posted to bases around the Kingdom.

Taif traffic crackdown reported

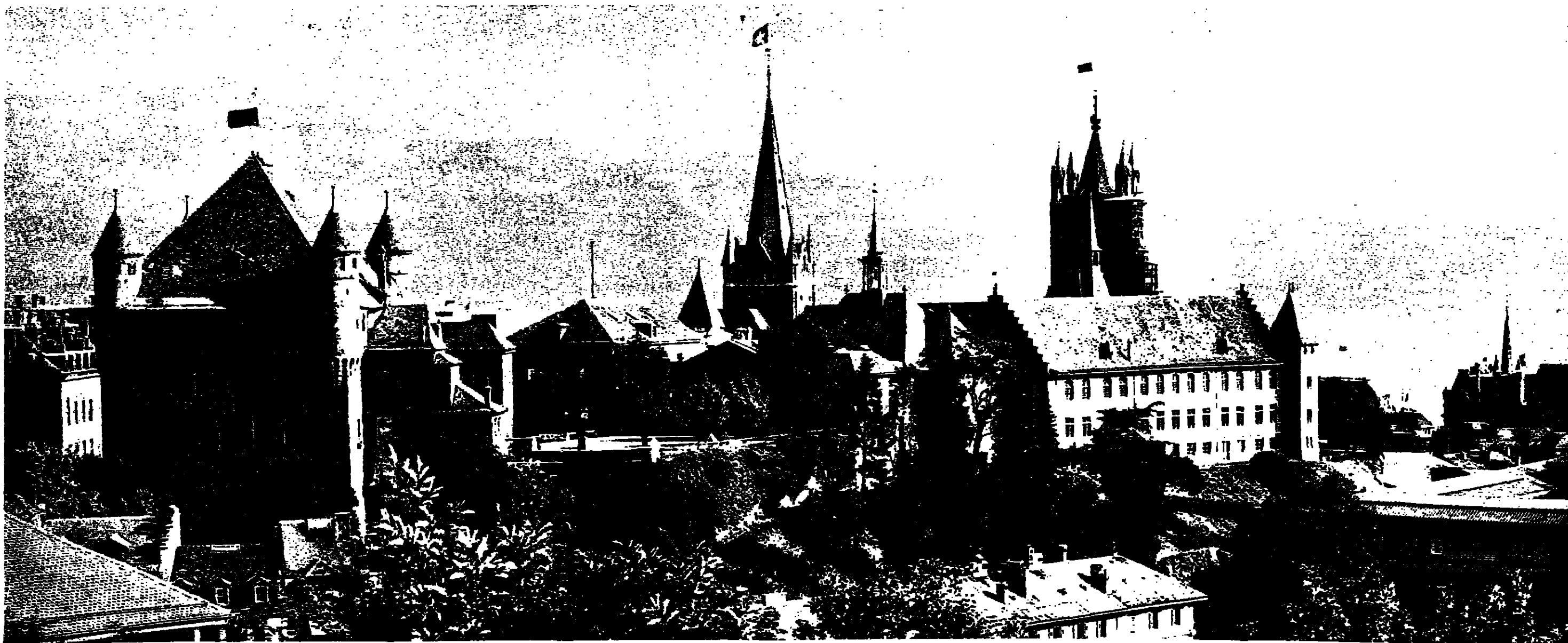
JEDDAH, April 18 — A large-scale traffic campaign is to begin in Taif in the near future, "Al-Bilad" newspaper said Wednesday. Traffic police will be mobilized to check driving licenses and the registration papers and inspect workshops.

Dangerous food destroyed

JEDDAH, April 18 — Over 122,000 cans of food have been destroyed by Ministry of Commerce teams because they were unfit for human consumption, "Al-Medina" said Wednesday. A ministry official, Hussein Daghrer, said spot checks will continue around the clock to prevent the selling of dangerous tins.

Jeddah road bumps to go

JEDDAH, April 18 — All warning bumps on city roads will soon be removed, according to "Al-Medina" quoting municipal sources. Instead, the municipality will install signals, but a few will be retained on long straight roads.



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U.S. trying to avoid nuclear arms race on Indian subcontinent

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter is searching for ways to reverse what one official termed Tuesday its "dismal prospects" for preventing a nuclear arms race on the Indian subcontinent.

Administration officials, speaking privately, said little or no progress has been made thus far in efforts to persuade Pakistan to forego its apparent program to achieve the capability of manufacturing a nuclear bomb.

The administration cut off military and economic aid to Pakistan worth \$ 85 million earlier this month because it felt Pakistan was secretly building a facility to manufacture enriched uranium of the type used in bombs.

The officials said that in the talks with Pakistan, the administration has reaffirmed its willingness to sell Pakistan F-5E fighter jets, a plane first offered to Pakistan in 1977.

It has also told Pakistan that it would be willing to cooperate in the development of Pakistani nuclear power generating capabilities under suitable safeguards and that it would support "in principle" a Pakistani proposal for a South Asian zone free of nuclear weapons.

The major problem in the talks is Pakistani insistence that India be subject to the same safeguards.

India, long at odds with Pakistan, exploded an atomic bomb in 1974. Prime Minister Morarji Desai has pledged that India will not develop a nuclear weapons stockpile. But he is 82, and neither Pakistan nor the Carter administration is confident that his successors will be similarly inclined. Desai has refused to accept international inspection and safeguards for all of India's nuclear facilities.

The administration threatened last year to break a contract to supply nuclear fuel to India's Tarapur reactor. The nuclear regulatory commission decided to let the sales continue temporarily while the two governments negotiated on the safeguards issue.

Those negotiations "have gotten nowhere" one official said Tuesday. Under U.S. law, the commission would have no choice but to cut off shipments in 1980 unless India accepts the safeguards.

Administration officials said Tuesday that they feel the problem with Pakistan is too urgent to let it wait that long, primarily because of the instability plaguing South Asia at the moment. The administration is anxious to solve its problems with Pakistan and avoid having it slip away from its Western stance.

They said various inducements for Pakistan are under consideration, including some form of additional security guarantee, more arms sales, and expanded economic aid.

Sadat, U.S. trade team discuss means of boosting investments

CAIRO, April 18 (AP) — A U.S. trade delegation headed by special envoy Robert Strauss discussed Tuesday the prospects for expanding American private investment in Egypt.

President Carter is determined at this (mission) should be the giving of what he feels is the sole necessity of showing that can bring more than military aid and some money...to the stability of the area," Strauss told reporters.

The 24-member delegation of 5 lawmakers, labor leaders, government officials and private business leaders talked with Sadat Tuesday over several hours at the ornate Abdine publican Palace in Cairo.

Strauss, 61-year-old former Democratic National Committee chairman who is now Carter's special trade ambassador, said he carried a message from the U.S. chief of mission to Sadat. He said it dealt with economic matters but used to give details.

The United States is Egypt's best single trading partner, with goods accounting for 40 per cent of the country's total imports. The imports rose from \$1.3 billion in 1977 to \$2.2 billion last year but a large amount of the goods were financed by U.S. aid. Private investment has lagged behind U.S. aid with only about \$16 million in projects currently underway. Egyptian officials said last year that U.S. investment represented only six per cent of the total. One of the major problems facing potential investors is the massive Egyptian bureaucracy.

"There is a real problem in that businessmen find it difficult to get started or even find what they are supposed to do," said one Western economist.

On the other hand, Egyptians complain that U.S. firms seek quick returns but are not willing to risk large amounts of capital.

President Carter has called on Congress to approve \$1.5 billion for military hardware and \$300 million for additional economic aid for Egypt over the next three years.

But visiting U.S. lawmakers have told Sadat Congress was unlikely to approve any more aid. That means Sadat will have to seek private investment or be forced to trim his plans for a \$15 billion reconstruction program.

"Sadat was not talking about grants of public money but about private investment and Egypt being another frontier for American investment," U.S. Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., told reporters.

The multi-billion dollars "Carter Plan," as Sadat has dubbed his rebuilding program, was not raised at his meeting with the U.S. trade experts, he said.

Instead, the Egyptian leader expressed his hope that U.S. firms would help Egypt improve its agricultural production and exploit minerals such as aluminum.

Sadat's plans for reclaiming 2 million acres of desert land for agriculture and the expansion of the mining industry both require huge capital investments that are beyond Egypt's means.

Strauss said the purpose of his mission was limited to "defining



WITHDRAWAL: An Israeli army truck moves a load of armored personnel carriers out of Sinai on the road into Israel, as the withdrawal from the occupied peninsula begins. Under the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, Israel is to pull out of northern Sinai within two months. (AP photo)

Arab-American groups seeking extension of PLO aide's stay

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 18 — Delegates from five national Arab-American groups were meeting Tuesday with Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East Harold Saunders to press for removal of visa restrictions on visiting PLO official Shafik Al-Hout.

The meeting was the latest

development in a joint campaign to allow Al-Hout access to the press and extend his 21-day visa for another three weeks.

Al-Hout, who heads the PLO's Beirut Office, entered the U.S. with State Department approval on March 31, but his restricted visa has limited his speaking appearances and denied him access to the American news media.

The delegates meeting with Saunders Tuesday represented the National Association of Arab-Americans; the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine; the Association of Arab-American University Graduates; the Palestine American Congress; and the Palestine Human Rights Campaign.

The five groups have sent out over 10,000 letters to friends of the Palestinian community in

U.S., U.K. deny evacuation plans in Jordan

AMMAN, April 18 (R) — The American and British embassies have strongly rejected reports that they have prepared contingency plans to evacuate their personnel from Amman.

United States Ambassador Nicholas Veliotes and a British embassy spokesman both used the word "nonsense" Tuesday night when asked about the reports.

Veliotes said no discussion of any kind had taken place within his embassy or the American community about such contingencies.

The report first appeared in the Beirut daily newspaper "Al-Safir" five days ago. They have been since broadcast by Israeli and other radios.

"Al-Safir" attributed the reported plans by the two embassies to what it described as the rising tension in Jordan.

America to solicit support for their initiative.

The delegates were slated to meet with the press after their meeting with Saunders.

Al-Hout Tuesday canceled an appearance before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

The PLO aide was to have spoken to high school teachers under the auspices of the council, a private organization of some 20,000 members who are interested in foreign affairs.

John Rielly, president of the council, said the cancellation was not related in any way to the controversy surrounding Al Hout.

Egyptians vote today in treaty referendum

CAIRO, April 18 (R) — Some 10 million Egyptians are expected to give overwhelming approval to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and President Anwar Sadat's request for an early general election when they vote in a referendum Thursday.

Sadat has called the referendum mainly to demonstrate to other Arab countries that he has domestic support for the treaty, despite their decision to impose a total political, economic and diplomatic boycott on Egypt.

The boycott decision was imposed in Baghdad last month by 19 of the Arab League's 22 members. The only Arab ambassadors now left in Egypt are from Sudan and Oman which support the treaty.

As part of the boycott Egypt was suspended from the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) Tuesday. A net exporter of crude oil, Egypt has dismissed the move as illegal and said in any case it does not import crude from any Arab country.

Afghan minister confers with Zia

ISLAMABAD, April 18 (AP)

— Afghan Commerce Minister Abdul Qudus Ghorbandi paid a courtesy call on President Zia Ul-Haq of Pakistan Tuesday.

Ghorbandi was here for a series of talks with his Pakistani counterpart, Zahid Sarefraz, for promotion of their two countries' trade and discussion of other matters of mutual concern.

It was not officially known what was discussed between Zia and Ghorbandi during the courtesy call, also attended by Sarefraz and Zia's Foreign Affairs adviser Agha Shahi.

In the trade talks, government sources said Ghorbandi sought renewal of a 1975 transit trade agreement with a new provision inserted to have Pakistani land routes to third countries also available for the landlocked Afghanistan's exports and imports.

Under the agreement, Pakistani railroad and port transportation facilities have been available for Afghan goods.

The talks began at a time when political discord prevailed between the two neighboring states over the pro-Moscow Afghan government's allegations that China and Pakistan were aiding Islamic guerrillas in opposing President Nur Muhammad Taraki's government.

Pakistan has denied the charges but the relations between Kabul and Islamabad deteriorated in recent months because of a series of border incidents including Afghan soldiers' alleged shelling of anti-Taraki Afghan refugee camps inside the Pakistani territory.



MARCH: About 50,000 people marched in various demonstrations in Tehran Monday in support of Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani urging him to return to his home and office in the capital. Taleghani, 72, probably the second most influential man in Iran, left Tehran last weekend in protest against what he called the "trampled rights of the Iranian people." (See story page one)

Bulgaria, S.Yemen rap peace treaty

VIENNA, April 18 (R) — Bulgaria and South Yemen have condemned the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and called on all Arab states to rally against it. In a joint communique issued in Sofia Tuesday after a three-day visit by South Yemeni Prime Minister Ali Nasser Muhammad, the two countries said the peace treaty would lead to "a greater complication of the situation" in the area. It called on Arab states to "rally and coordinate their opposition" to the document.

Norway has no extra oil for Israel

OSLO, April 18 (R) — Norwegian Prime Minister Odvar Nordli said Tuesday that Norway had no surplus oil available to supply to Israel as requested by the United States. Officials said he told U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale during talks in Oslo Tuesday that nearly all of Norway's production was committed. The Norwegian government had turned down a similar Israeli request last December.

Rabat minister visits Nouakchott

RABAT, April 18 (R) — Muhammad Boucetta, Moroccan minister of state for foreign affairs and cooperation, left Rabat Wednesday for Nouakchott for a regular monthly meeting of Moroccan and Mauritania leaders. Officials said his visit to the Mauritanian capital would last 36 hours. It is the first visit by a Moroccan government delegation since government changes in Nouakchott earlier this month.

Arab railway union under study

AMMAN, April 18 (R) — Delegates from six Arab countries, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) met here Tuesday to discuss the possible creation of an Arab railway federation. The three-day meeting, called by the CAEU is being attended by Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco.

Sri Lanka team won't play Israel

COLOMBO, April 18 (AP) — The Sri Lanka's cricket team will not play Israel in the Prudential World Cup series beginning in Britain next month, Foreign Minister Abdul Cader Shuhai Hameed told a news conference Tuesday. In the associate member qualifying round matches, Sri Lanka was drawn to meet the United States on May 24, Holland on May 31 and Israel on June 4 in Group 3.

China affirms support for Palestine cause

BEIRUT, April 18 (R) — China has told Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat it was gravely concerned over Middle East developments and that there would be no peace unless Israel withdrew from occupied territories and Palestinians regained rights.

The Palestine news agency said Chinese leader Hua Guofeng told Arafat in a message:

Concern

"The Chinese government and people express their grave concern over the latest developments in the Middle East crisis. Sympathy

"We express our sympathy with the Palestinian and other Arab people's, particularly at this phase of their struggle. We affirm that any solution in the Middle East can be achieved only through the Palestinian people's recovery of their usurped rights and Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories."

Cinema explosion leaves 10 injured in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, April 18 (AP) — At least a dozen persons were injured, four critically, when a bomb went off in a movie theater in Istanbul late Tuesday, police said Wednesday.

They said the explosive charge was hidden in a bag placed in a central row in the theater located in a plush avenue of Kadikoy, on the Asian side of the city.

An estimated 200 spectators in the Sureyya movie theater fled in panic after the blast ripped rows of seats, police said.

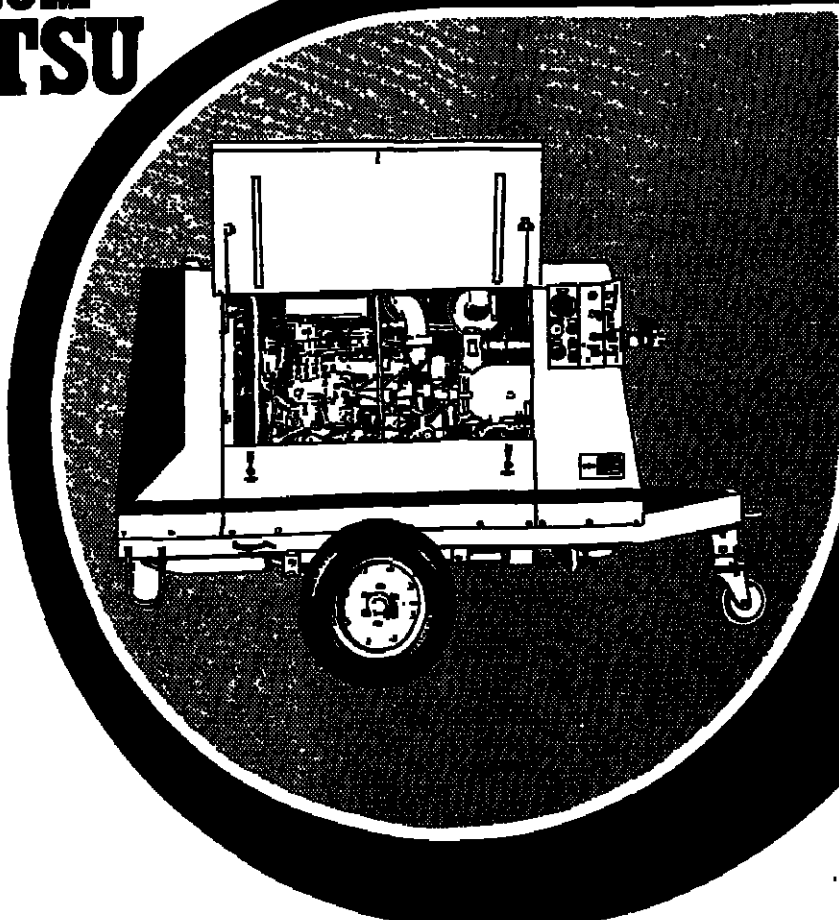
They said some fleeing spectators sustained light injuries from flying glass and wood fragments.

No organization claimed responsibility for the bombing. The theater was showing a film by Yilmaz Guney, a self-styled left-wing director and actor now in prison.

Guney was briefly imprisoned in early 1970s for allegedly aiding first urban guerrillas.

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'5 years to recover'

CIA details effect of spy base loss

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency director Stansfield Turner has told Congress that it will take five years for the United States to restore fully the information on Soviet missile tests obtained from monitoring stations that operated until recently in northern Iran.

A spokesman for Sen. Jake Garn, Rep.-Utah, confirmed Tuesday that Turner gave that assessment in secret testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee last week.

A report published Tuesday in

the "New York Times" said Turner told the committee that it will be 1984 before the intelligence data obtained from the Iranian stations located only 600 miles from the main Soviet missile test range can be replaced.

The aide to Garn, an opponent of the arms limitation treaty (SALT), now being negotiated with the Soviet Union, said, "that date is reasonably accurate."

Several senators who declined to support SALT have emphasized that the administration must be able to demonstrate its ability

to monitor Soviet compliance with the terms of any agreement. Sen. John Glenn, Dem.-Ohio, has said he has advised President Jimmy Carter that it is essential that the administration replace the Iranian capability before it sends a treaty to the Senate.

"I've had no indication from anybody, including the president that replacement systems will be in place," said Glenn.

The senator added that "the president keeps repeating that he has a commitment to the American people that any treaty we sign must be verifiable."

Glenn called the Iranian bases "very important so far as SALT is concerned."

The loss of the Iranian bases when the Shah was overthrown has been a matter of concern among members of Congress involved in the SALT debate. Turner's testimony marked the first time an administration official had suggested that it would take that long to make up for the loss of the monitoring stations.

Some defense officials have tended to minimize the damage to U.S. verification resulting from the loss of the Iranian stations. For example, last week a defense official closely involved in intelligence and related matters told reporters that the U.S. government "can recover adequately" by the end of this year from the loss of those stations.

The official, who spoke under ground rules preserving anonymity, said, "I have very high confidence that our verifiability is adequate for all provisions of SALT II agreed on so far."

The treaty is believed to be in the final stages of negotiation. One question remaining is the location of a summit meeting to sign the agreement.

Originally, it was understood that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev would come to the United States to meet with Carter and sign the treaty. But recently Soviet officials have said that Brezhnev's health would prevent him from making such a long journey. It is now expected that any summit would take place on neutral ground, probably in Europe.

Unopposed

Brezhnev wins another term

MOSCOW, April 18 (AP) — Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev was re-elected unanimously Wednesday for the first time since he took over the post after the ouster of Nikolai Podgorny nearly two years ago.

The 72-year-old Soviet leader, sitting on the stage with other Politburo members at a Kremlin meeting of the Supreme Soviet or parliament, voted for himself along with the 1,500 delegates.

He headed a slate of proposed members to the Presidium or executive of the Supreme Soviet that included First Vice President Vasily V. Kuznetsov.

Communist Party theoretician Mikhail Suslov nominated Brezhnev for president but there were no descriptive passages about the Soviet leader in his speech.

After his election Brezhnev

took the rostrum to address the joint session of parliament, whose two houses had convened in separate sessions earlier in the day without Brezhnev.

European disarmament group meets

PRAGUE, April 18 (R) — The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in its spring session in Prague, has formed a special group to discuss the question of disarmament.

The leader of the Italian delegation told reporters Tuesday parliamentarians from 15 countries had been asked to reconcile different approaches to the subject.

In a 15-minute speech accepting the election as national president Brezhnev called for efficiency and adherence to state plans in the economy and pledged to "continue to focus on elevation of living standards of the people."

The Soviet leader said foreign policy would be guided by the pursuit of peace and support for liberation movements.

The newly elected president wore seven medals as well as his badge as deputy to the Supreme Soviet.

Brezhnev spoke laboriously with long pauses and when his speech was ended an usher escorted him to his seat, guiding him gently by his right elbow. But Brezhnev appeared not to need the assistance and had walked to the rostrum unaided to give his speech.

Pretoria arms dealer convicted in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 18 (AP) — A South African was convicted Tuesday by a federal court jury of selling weapons to his racially troubled country despite U.S. sanctions forbidding such trading.

Richard Beck, whom authorities say is the first foreigner convicted in this country of violating the South African arms ban, showed no emotion as the jury foreman announced that he had been found guilty on six of seven counts of embargo and customs violations.

Beck said after the trial that while he respected the jury's decision, "it seems a bit strange that I should be made a criminal in this country for something I'm not a criminal for in my own country."

The 32-year-old man was accused of supplying his country with weapons and ammunition valued at more than \$100,000.

The weaponry was supplied by the now-defunct Concealable Body Armor of America.

The firm and its former vice president, Seymour Freilich, pleaded guilty to similar charges the day before Beck's trial began. Freilich is scheduled to be sentenced May 1.

Beck was arrested in November when he retrieved a shipment of

140 guns at O'Hare International Airport here. Both he and Freilich had been indicted in August, and Freilich reportedly lured Beck to Chicago to obtain leniency from the government by telling Beck the charges had been dropped against him.

The guns were shipped through Switzerland and labeled as sporting goods, as an attempt, the prosecution argued, to mislead customs officials.

Beck could be sentenced to serve up to 12 years in prison and also fined.

Chile balks at sending 3 to U.S. trial

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 18 (AP) — The Supreme Court prosecutor said Tuesday he has recommended against extraditing three former Chilean secret police officials to the United States for trial in the Orlando Letelier murder case.

Prosecutor Gustavo Chamorro delivered his recommendation to court President Israel Borquez in private, but told reporters what it contained as he went into the chamber.

Chamorro also said he was recommending against trying the three men in Chile on the U.S. charges, saying the method used to obtain the most damaging evidence was not legal in Chile.

Borquez must decide whether to support Chamorro's recommendation. After Borquez decision, the matter goes to a panel of five justices in an automatic appeal process.

Retired General Juan Contreras, former head of the police unit known as the Dina, Col. Pedro Espinoza, and Capt. Armando Fernandez Larios were indicted for murder by the Washington Grand Jury that investigated the case of the bomb deaths of Letelier and his American co-worker, Mrs. Ronni Moffitt.

tory of mental problems.

The shooting spree began when Sorenson opened fire on a cardiologist walking along a street in this capital city of 20,000.

"He had his rifle against his shoulder, looking down the sights at me and I thought, 'My God, what is he doing,'" said Dr. Henry Akiyama.

A bullet pierced Akiyama's jacket and other whizzed over his head when the gunman began shooting. Akiyama said he escaped with only a bruised hip.

Akiyama said he did not know Sorenson. "We waved at each other, that sort of a thing, but he was a loner," the physician said.

While the doctor fled to his office in his car, which was also hit, neighbors called police.

Police chief Barkley said four officers responded to the emergency. Two were killed instantly by shots fired from Sorenson's house. A third was wounded in the leg.

The dead policemen were identified as Rick Adair, 50, and Jimmie Kennedy, 32. Patrolman Mike Sticker, 34, was wounded.

Neighbors said Sorenson had been a patient in an Anchorage mental hospital.



MANEUVERING: An Italian crewman of the frigate Carabiniere signals departure clearance to a British helicopter from the HMS Charybdis after the helicopter landed on the Italian frigate during NATO's maneuvers in the Mediterranean recently. (AP photo)

Leading Paris art dealer gets three-year sentence

PARIS, April 18 (R) — One of France's leading art dealers, Paul Petrides, 77, has been sentenced to three years' jail for receiving stolen paintings.

His conviction Tuesday with six other accused capped a trial which rocked the Parisian art world with evidence of the sale abroad of stolen masterpieces without effective controls by customs or museum authorities.

Petrides, a dapper figure in an impeccably cut dark suit, denied he had purchased canvases, including works by Renoir, Van Gogh and Utrillo, knowing they were stolen in 1973 from the Paris home of a wealthy businessman.

Passing sentence, Judge Jean-Michel Guth said Petrides' offense was particularly serious since he was an acknowledged expert, who was even consulted by the French customs on the authenticity and origin of paintings.

"He used his reputation to hide his fraudulent conduct," the judge said.

Marc Francelet, 31, a former press photographer, was also sent to prison for three years. The prosecution accused Francelet of being the link between the thieves and Petrides.

Petrides was additionally fined \$7,000 and Francelet \$1,160. Five other accomplices received sentences ranging from six months to two years, and two men were acquitted.

Petrides, who was allowed to remain free pending an appeal, was born in Greece, the thirteenth child of an impoverished dyer. A tailor by trade, he arrived penniless in Paris in 1920.

His meteoric career as a dealer started when he befriended artists whose works now fetch high prices, supplying a suit in exchange for a canvas to painters like Utrillo, Derain and Fajita. Later he acquired exclusive rights

to market Utrillo's work, and made a fortune.

During the trial museum officials said they were in the habit of clearing paintings for export without consulting lists of stolen property.

Alaskan commits suicide after shooting policemen

JINEAU, Alaska, April 18 (AP) — A man described as "a loner" shot and killed two policemen and wounded another in a spree of gunfire Tuesday before turning his rifle on himself, authorities said.

The gunman, Louis Sorenson, 50, was found dead in his two-story frame house when officers entered it after lobbing tear gas inside.

Neighbors said Sorenson, a mail clerk for the Alaska State Revenue Department, had a his-

Brazilian bus crash near Rio leaves 22 dead

CAMPOS, Brazil, April 18 (AP) — A bus carrying workers to their jobs at a sugar refinery near this city 400 kilometers north of Rio de Janeiro plunged into a river Tuesday and authorities said 22 men died.

A spokesman for the fire department in Campos said in a telephone interview that eight workers were able to swim to safety and they told authorities that a total of 30 persons were on the bus. Five hours after the accident, divers were still trying to reach the submerged bus to recover the bodies.

The cause of the accident was not immediately determined, the spokesman said.



BRIEFING: An Ulster Defense Regiment sergeant briefs his patrol of part-time troopers before they leave for a border patrol against the Irish Republican Army guerrillas recently. Tuesday four policemen were killed when a booby-trapped bomb believed to have been planted by the IRA exploded under their car. (AP photo)

Soviets urge Chinese leaders to discuss strain in relations

MOSCOW, April 18 (R) — The Soviet Union urged China in a note published Tuesday night to act on a proposal by Peking for talks to improve their strained relations.

In the latest public exchange between the two feuding Communist giants, the diplomatic note was handed over by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to Chinese Ambassador Wang

Younging and later published by the Soviet news agency Tass.

The note took up a suggestion for talks made in a Chinese message to the Russians two weeks ago which announced Peking would terminate its 30-year-old friendship treaty with Moscow.

Moscow bailed Peking at the time for the deterioration in their relations, which have reached rock bottom in recent months.

The latest Soviet note recalled a series of Kremlin initiatives to improve ties over the past decade.

It said the Soviet Union was convinced that a document on the principles of relations, as proposed by the Kremlin last year, would be the best basis for an improvement in their ties.

Zambia detains two for Rhodesia links

LUSAKA, Zambia April 18 (AP) — The Zambian government detained two Irish nationals for questioning in connection with the Rhodesian political situation, it has been announced here.

The two persons, identified by Tuesday's announcement only as McGowan and brother McCormack, reportedly were taken into custody last weekend.

The government Monday said security forces had arrested two Britons six weeks ago and was holding them in jail under the preservation of public security regula-

tions. The earlier pair — identified as Martin Foley, 24, and Robert Humphreys, 19, — were picked up March 5 when they stepped from a Soviet Aeroflot airliner after it landed here from Moscow, officials said.

Zambia, host to black nationalist guerrillas fighting for control of Rhodesia, has been hit repeatedly by Rhodesian air strikes in an attempt to rout the rebels on disrupting this week's Rhodesian elections for a limited black rule government.



BLASTED: Boston Edison Co. workers inside a blasted manhole in downtown Boston at work repairing the damage after explosions erupted recently. Parts of the city were darkened. It was the third time in 36 hours that electric power failed in the area. (AP photo)

Convicted U.S. killer gets new execution schedule

MONTGOMERY, Ala. April 18 (AP) — The Alabama Supreme Court Tuesday set a new execution date of April 27 for John Louis Evans III, the condemned killer who beat the electric chair by only six hours.

But, because of a new appeal filed on behalf of Evans, there appears little chance the execution

will be carried out then.

Evans, sentenced to death for the January 1977 slaying of a pawn shop owner, had been scheduled to die in the state's electric chair April 6.

But the U.S. Supreme Court stayed the execution on a petition from Evans' mother.

Guinea soldiers helping Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia April 18 (AP) — A platoon of soldiers from neighboring Guinea has flown into Monrovia to help Liberian troops maintain law and order after weekend rioting.

The help from Liberia's West African neighbor was needed following a weekend of killing, looting and mass destruction of property, authorities said Tuesday.

Monrovia looked as though it had been hit by a hurricane. Stores, banks and offices were closed and the reopening of schools after the Easter holiday was postponed until next Monday.

The city was outwardly calm, however.

The trouble began Saturday when members of the newly formed opposition party, the Progressive Alliance of Liberia, demonstrated over the government's proposed 50 per cent increase in the price of rice, an agricultural and diet staple here.

According to official sources, 29 people were killed and 400 injured when demonstrators clashed with armed police and soldiers.

Asked to confirm the presence of heavily armed Guinean soldiers in Monrovia, a government official said "they are our friends, they are here to help." Liberia and Guinea recently entered into a non-aggression defense pact.

Liberian President William Tolbert met reporters Monday night and said the weekend protests were designed by "wicked, evil and satanic men to bring chaos and disorder in the country with the eventual objective of overthrowing the government. I have information to back it," he said.

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In Yugoslavia

Rain adds to quake victims' misery

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, April 18 (Agencies) — Pouring rain added to the misery of tens of thousands of homeless people spending their third night in the open after Yugoslavia's worst earthquake, as after-shocks hampered rescue efforts.

Despite the urgent dispatch of relief supplies, especially tents, to

the devastated region in the south of Yugoslavia's Adriatic Coast, many of the 80,000 homeless had only umbrellas and blankets to protect them from the rain. The downpour also extinguished fires lit to keep them warm.

At least 200 people were killed by a series of earthquakes which struck on Easter Sunday.

Experts were Wednesday studying the implications of geographical changes caused by the quakes which struck with the force of a hydrogen bomb.

An army officer told Yugoslav television Tuesday night, "We are investigating reports that hills are moving." The quakes caused chunks of coastline to tumble into

the sea and opened wide fissures in inland mountainsides.

They also changed the course of the Bojana River, which runs along the border with Albania. Serious flooding is feared.

Over 350 after-shocks have hit the region since Sunday's quakes. The latest Tuesday measured 6.5 degrees on the 12-point Mercalli scale, compared to the nine-degree main quake on Sunday. It caused fresh damage and several people were injured jumping from windows in the few still habitable houses.

The after shocks and rain also slowed down the pace of relief efforts, sending rocks and mud slithering on to roads.

The economy of the region is in ruins with tourism, industry and merchant shipping all badly hit. Officials said the loss of revenue from tourism in the popular holiday region would be \$50 million this year alone. Most of the region's main hotels have been destroyed or damaged on the eve of the summer season.

The emergency center in Budva said 34 villages were reported destroyed in the mountains north of the city and "not all of the villages have been reached yet."

In the village of Limeljani, all 30 houses were destroyed, officials said, and 17 of the 70 residents perished.

Many survivors wept as they recalled friends and relatives crushed under the falling walls of their homes.

Jovan Stankovic, hospitalized in Titograd with pelvic and leg fractures, said, "I was awakened by the quake and ran out. My sister and my brother were not so quick and stayed behind. Both died in the houses. I can't talk any more."

Declares his innocence

Thorpe gets cheers on campaign trail

LONDON, April 18 (AP) — Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of Britain's Liberal Party who is awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to murder, has launched his election campaign by telling voters "I'm innocent."

Thorpe, the most controversial figure in the race for 635 House of Commons seats in the May 3 election, was cheered when he was selected as Liberal candidate for his long-time district of North Devon in southwest England Tuesday by loyal supporters.

"I fully accept that in some ways the situation in which I fight this campaign has never before occurred."

Thorpe, who has represented the district in parliament for 20 years with seven straight election victories, now faces the toughest battle of his political career.

The "Daily Mirror" termed



Jeremy Thorpe

Thorpe's campaign "the most intriguing sideshow in the election circus."

Despite his popularity in his district, which he held in the October, 1974, election with a 6,700-vote majority, he could well lose this time after a pre-trial hearing that



DELUGE: Residents fled these Birmingham, Alabama homes after thunderstorms caused serious floods. In Mississippi the swollen Pearl River has risen higher than expected, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people.

New Orleans may be threatened

U.S. floods force thousands from homes

JACKSON, Miss. April 18 (AP) — Hundreds of residents of flooded Jackson fled their homes Tuesday as the surging Pearl River defied forecasts and edged higher. In Alabama, thousands were evacuated from the threat of new flooding.

And the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday it would activate a spillway hoping to slow

the rising Mississippi River before it strains the levees protecting New Orleans.

Jackson officials have estimated that more than 17,000 people have already been flooded out in the metropolitan area, but sandbag levees designed to stem the Pearl were holding.

About 40 miles downstream at Georgetown, mobile teams and packed cars headed out to the only open road leading from the community.

Still further downstream, evacuations were under way at Monticello and Columbia, Mississippi, where the river continued a steady 2-foot daily rise toward expected record crests late this week. Officials in Columbia said as many as 2,000 people might be evacuated.

President Jimmy Carter opened the flow of federal aid by declaring the region a disaster area Tuesday.

Many people in the area suffered extensive property damage after heavy rains.

In Alabama, the number of people evacuated because of floods rose toward 5,000 Tuesday with as many as 3,000 people in and around Selma being evacuated. More than 610 families were evacuated at Demopolis.

The Bonnet Carré Spillway, built 33 miles upriver from New Orleans in 1931, has been used only five times. It serves as an escape valve by allowing rising

river waters to drain off into Lake Ponchartraine.

In Jackson, where flooding has reached rooftops in many north-east residential areas and has forced officials to close roads into the downtown section, the river stood at 43.12 feet at midday. It had been predicted to crest Tuesday at 43.1 feet.

Divided U.S. high court okays alien teacher ban

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — A sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that New York State may prohibit aliens from teaching in public schools.

In a 5-4 decision, the court overturned a federal court in New York City which ruled in 1976 that the state law prohibiting aliens as teachers violated their constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

Justice Lewis Powell, writing for the majority, said "New York State properly may regard all teachers as having an obligation to promote civic virtues and understanding in their classes, regardless of the subject taught... a teacher has opportunity to influence the attitudes of students toward government, the political process, and a citizen's social responsibilities. This influence is crucial to the continued good health of a democracy."

Justice Harry A. Blackmun said in a dissenting opinion that the New York law was a product of "the frantic and overreactive days of the First World War, when

attitudes of parochialism and fear of the foreigner were the order of the day."

Blackmun noted the Supreme Court had previously struck state laws barring resident aliens from becoming lawyers or licensed civil engineers.

He added, "It seems constitutionally absurd, to say the least, that in these lower levels of public education a Frenchman may not teach French, or, indeed, an Englishwoman may not teach the grammar of the English language."

Dissenting with Blackmun were Justices William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens.

The challenge to the New York law was brought by Susan Norwick of Dumfries, Scotland, who is a British subject, and Tara Dachinger, who is Finnish. Both have lived in the United States since the mid-1960s and are married to U.S. citizens.

Blackmun said he agreed with the lower court which said New York's law "seems repugnant to the very heritage the state is seeking to inculcate."

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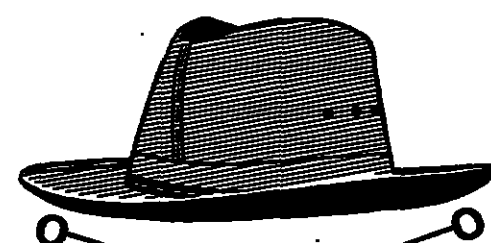
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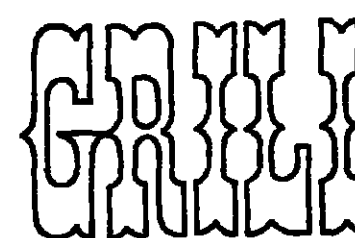
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PRICE CURE

The ink is barely dry on OPEC's Geneva price increase agreement, and already the talk is of another hike in June. Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani warned April 11 that oil prices may go up at OPEC's meeting in Kuwait unless importers cut down on consumption. It is also critical, Sheikh Yamani said, for Iran to maintain oil production of at least 4 million barrels a day.

Now Kuwait's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, has announced that OPEC will reconsider prices at the June meeting.

The price of oil should be increased. It is the only means available at the moment to return order to the ragged ranks of OPEC prices, which have in effect returned to the two-tier disorder that existed in the first half of 1977. Equally important, a price increase could pull the rug out from under profiteers and panic-stricken consumers who have driven spot market prices up to unrealistic levels.

Iran increased production last week to 4.7 million barrels a day. That should have been enough, when coupled with the increased production of countries like Iraq, Venezuela and Nigeria, to push world supplies back to the level they were at this time one year ago.

Yet even as Iran announced its 4.7 million production rate, a price surcharge of \$1.90 a barrel was added by the National Iranian Oil Company.

Kuwait oil is selling at \$1.80 a barrel above the posted price set in Geneva. Iraq, Nigeria, Algeria, Libya and other OPEC members have all added surcharges or are selling oil on the spot market at prices fetching 30 per cent or more above the Geneva rates.

The OPEC oil ministers agreed to allow members to add surcharges of as much as \$4 a barrel at their March 27 meeting. That provision has now greatly increased the strains within the organization itself. The surcharge provision was a compromise measure that now needs some compromising itself. Prices should go up in exchange for at least a lessening of the surcharge rule.

None of this would be necessary if the world demand for oil was not turning the spot market into a seller's circus. The OPEC states themselves not selling on this market should keep a close eye on the multinational companies using OPEC oil for excessive spot market profits, and curb them accordingly.

Oil consumption is what needs curbing the most. The current buying looks suspiciously like stockpiling, not only for the gas-guzzling American motorists heading into summer holidays but for government strategic reserves as well. The instability of the market makes this the worst possible time for such practices.

A price hike looks like the only way to cure it.

British election and southern Africa

By Robert Stephens

LONDON —

Foreign affairs rarely play a decisive role in British parliamentary elections. Usually they are won or lost on domestic issues such as unemployment, inflation, wages and prices and how to deal with the trade unions.

But in the May 3 general election, Rhodesia looks like playing an important part in the campaign.

If the next government is Conservative, as all the polls now indicate, it will face crucial and dangerous decisions over Rhodesia and southern Africa almost immediately after it takes office.

For the Conservative Party, in its election manifesto and an earlier campaign speech by the party's chief spokesman on foreign affairs and possibly Britain's next foreign secretary, Francis Pym, has committed itself to a course in Rhodesia which could be disastrous for Britain's political influence and friendly relations throughout black Africa and most of the Third World. It could even provoke a world crisis of Suez-like magnitude in southern Africa.

The Conservatives have long criticized the Labor government for not encouraging the present Rhodesian government which resulted from the "internal settlement" reached between Ian Smith and some of the black leaders, notably Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole.

Both the British and American governments have been pressing instead for peace talks between all the Rhodesian factions, especially the Patriotic Front led by Joshua and Robert Mugabe, because otherwise they believe there is bound to be a spreading civil war in which neighboring states and outside powers will become increasingly involved.

They have declined to send observers to watch the holding of the present elections in Rhodesia to be held under the new constitution. And so far the Patriotic Front leaders have refused to take part in all-party talks so long as Smith is in the government.

The Conservative Party has, however, sent a team of observers. And it has gone further. In its election manifesto and in Pym's speech it has committed itself to recognition of the independence of Smith's Rhodesia if it is satisfied that the elections are fair and result in genuine majority rule.

The manifesto recalls the six principles which successive British governments required before recognition, only the last of which remains to be fulfilled — the holding of elections. If, it says, these principles are now satisfied, "the British government will have the duty to return Rhodesia to a state of legality, move to lift sanctions and do its utmost to ensure that the new independent state gains international recognition."

The Labor view is that any move towards legalizing the Rhodesian regime and lifting sanctions would wreck Britain's relations with almost every African state and most of the Third World. Moreover, without the support of British troops the government in Salisbury would have little chance of survival in the long run against the growing guerrilla campaign mounted by the Patriotic Front from neighboring Zambia and Mozambique.

The despatch of British troops — even if the British public could be persuaded to accept it as necessary to safeguard "kith and kin" — would create a major international crisis. Britain would be fighting in a bloody civil war in almost total isolation from the rest of the international community and with its only ally the racist regime of South Africa.

But if a Tory government encouraged the Salisbury regime to count on British support and then did not give it, it would, so critics of the Tory policy say, put Britain in a highly discreditable position in the eyes of the world. It would be like John Foster Dulles when he encouraged the Hungarians to revolt against Russia and then left them to their fate.

On Europe both parties have trimmed their electoral sails to the anti-Common Market wind that is blowing through the British public and through the parties themselves. The anti-Market mood is particularly strong in the Labor Party, even in the cabinet, where Prime Minister James Callaghan has to deal with a powerful group of anti-Market ministers.

But the difference between the two parties is mainly one of style. The Tories present themselves as enthusiastic Europeans and the Labor Party as sceptics.

But both agree that a reform of the Community's common agricultural policy is essential, that there must be a common fisheries policy that is fair to British fishermen, and that Britain is paying too big a share of the Community budget — "as the third poorest country, there can be no justification for our being the paymaster of the Community."

The relatively limited role of foreign affairs in the elections is not due to British insularity. Rather it is because, over a wide field of foreign affairs, the two main parties have maintained a bipartisan approach.

In office both have maintained the broad outlines of Western strategy, of the Atlantic alliance under American leadership and nuclear protection, of seeking detente with Russia, keeping close economic and political ties with Western Europe, whatever British economic relations might be with the Common Market.

Successive Labor and Tory governments have also kept up Britain's nuclear weapons (first developed by a Labor government).

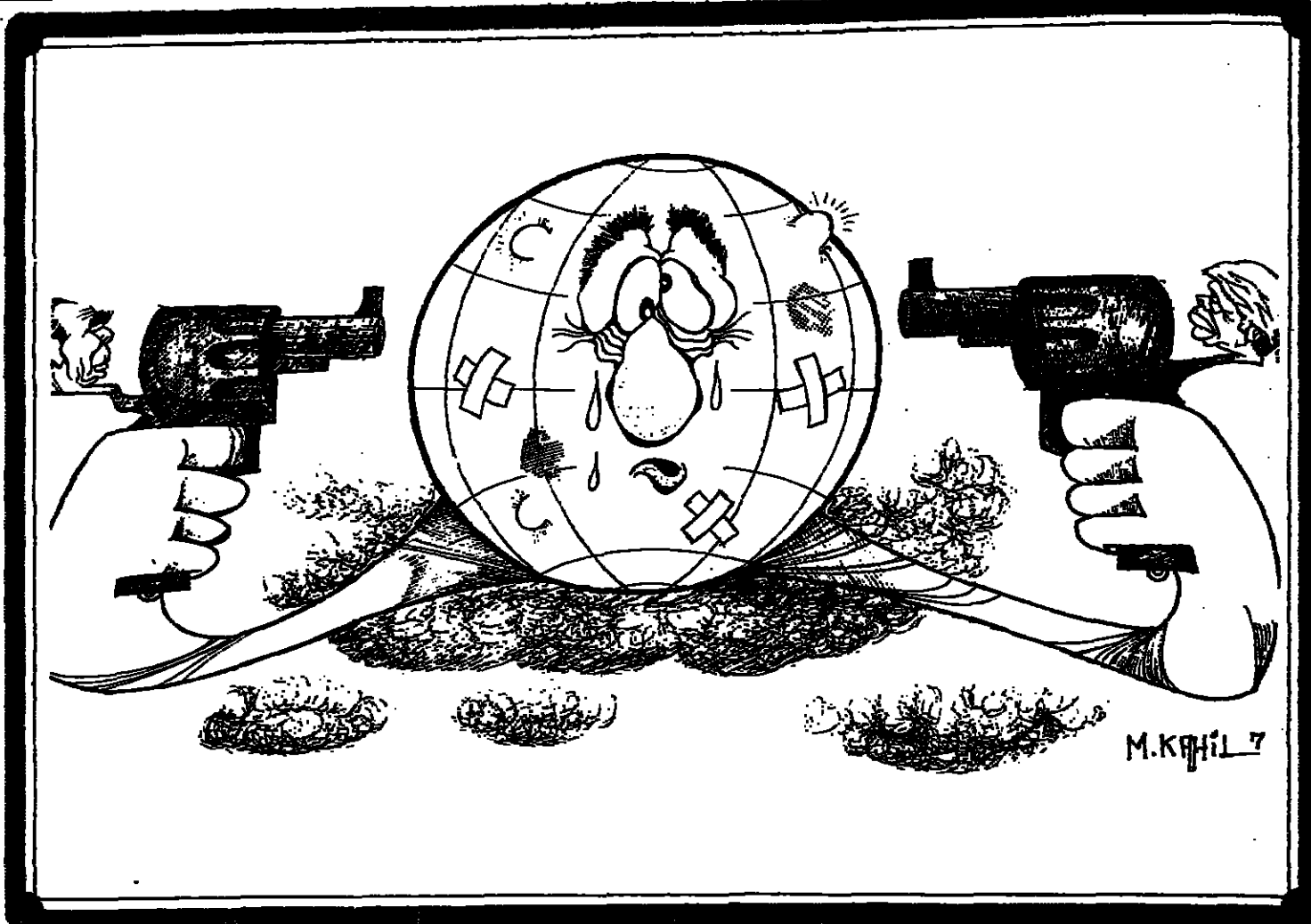
But whichever party forms the next government it will have to take a decision about prolonging the life of the British strategic nuclear force of which the kernel is the small fleet of four Polaris nuclear missile submarines.

The Labor Party has already said it would not procure new weapons to extend the life of the British "independent" deterrent, but the Tories would almost certainly seek American replacements, such as the Poseidon or eventually the Trident system, to replace the obsolescent Polaris.

On the East-West diplomatic front the differences between the two parties are mostly of style and stress. The Tories are traditionally less reluctant than Labor to provide more money for defense and are liable to be more suspicious and hawkish in their attitudes to the Soviet Union.

The Tory leader Margaret Thatcher's sharp public statements about the Soviet Union have already earned her the name from Moscow of the "Iron Maiden." Her encouragement of a close working anti-Soviet alliance between Europe and China, including military aid, is more calculated to provoke Soviet concern than any strong words about dissidents and human rights in Russia.

But if she becomes prime minister she is more likely to adopt the traditional Tory attitude of not allowing disapproval of Soviet domestic policies to prevent business dealings with the Kremlin. (OFNS)



Iraq moving against communists

By Thomas Lippman

BAGHDAD —

The long, bitter struggle between the rulers of Iraq and the Iraqi Communist Party has broken into the open. Iraq's Arab Baath Socialist government recently announced another purge of Communists in the armed forces. A few days later the Communist Party's daily newspaper was suppressed for a month. Earlier, the communists stopped participating in the front of political parties in the government.

The suspected communists in the army, accused of plotting a coup d'etat, are expected to be executed. Diplomatic analysts are speculating that the communists, with their ranks now depleted by arrests and executions, may finally abandon the pretense of cooperating with the Baathists and go underground.

In the past, repeated blood purges of Iraq's Communists have put severe strains on this country's relations with the Soviet Union, Iraq's main arms supplier. Informed diplomatic sources and Iraqi officials say the Baathists remain suspicious of Soviet intentions but they apparently are trying to avoid any open show of disagreement with Moscow.

The announcement by the Iraq News Agency that the communist paper had been closed for violations of the press law was accompanied by a report that Saddam Hussein, vice chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, had sent a message to the Soviet leadership praising Soviet-Iraqi cooperation. The occasion was the seventh anniversary of the signing of the Soviet-Iraq treaty of friendship and cooperation.

Saddam Hussein was in Moscow in December for a visit that appeared to restore warmth to ties chilled by Iraq's execution last summer of 21 soldiers accused of conducting communist political organization in the ranks. Since then, however, another 27 military

men have been taken into custody on the same charge, renewing Iraqi suspicion of the communists.

Recently, Saddam Hussein confirmed the purge to Arab journalists meeting in Beirut and said that while his country wants to maintain friendly ties to Moscow, "we reject the wide expansion by the Soviet Union in the Arab homeland."

In an interview Tarek Aziz, a leading member of both the government and the Baath Party hierarchy here, said that "after the executions of last summer, we found more communist cells in the armed forces this year. We have new prisoners. They will be judged by the law and face their fate." They were arrested, he said, not because they were communists as such, but because "political activity in the armed forces means they were planning a coup."

He said Iraq "has achieved an independent revolution and we are keen on political, cultural, economic and ideological independence. We cannot sustain a party inside our country which has unnatural ties with foreign blocs." He said those executed last summer were "spies" and that any Iraqis suspected of working for foreign interests, communists or otherwise, would be dealt with the same way.

The Iraqi Communist Party, one of the strongest in the Arab world, has been a power in Iraqi politics for 30 years, despite repeated purges by the Baathists and their predecessors.

The party's roots are among the minority Kurds of northern Iraq. The Kurds' separatist demands flared into armed rebellion in the early 1970s and the "Kurdish question" remains one of the most troublesome for any Iraqi government. Communists with links to Kurdistan are doubly suspect. Diplomatic sources here said they believed the latest roundup of suspected communists in the army was linked to political activity among the Kurds, but no details of the charges have been made public. (WP)

The future of Hong Kong

By Graham Earnshaw

PEKING —

A question mark still hangs over the long-term future of Hong Kong, although recent contacts between China and the colony's government seem to have ensured its survival at least for the foreseeable future.

In sharp contrast to the situation only a decade ago, current relations between China and the tiny British colony on its southern coast are excellent and ties between the two are growing all the time.

China's leaders have ambitious modernization plans for their country, and they realize the extent to which Hong Kong, one of the economic success stories of the last 30 years, can help them.

The new relationship between the two was underlined by the recent visit to China of the colony's governor, Sir Murray Maclehouse, who became the first Hong Kong governor officially to visit Peking.

"There used to be, as it were, a screen between the Hong Kong official establishment and Chinese officials in Hong Kong, Canton and Peking," Sir Murray told a press conference on his return to Hong Kong.

"As relations have improved, the screen has gradually disappeared." The screen took the form of often violent confrontation during the late sixties as the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution spilled over into Hong Kong. But the abuse which the Chinese media then hurled at the colony and the "British imperialists" who rule it has long since ended.

The Chinese do not regard Hong Kong as a colony. They see it as a part of China under temporary British administration, and as a problem to be solved when the time is ripe.

Hong Kong is vitally important to China. The colony is China's largest source of foreign exchange and the country's second most important trading partner after Japan, and the Chinese government has an active interest in promoting Hong Kong's stability and prosperity.

Most of the food and much of the water and oil consumed in Hong Kong is supplied by China in return for much-needed foreign exchange, and China-owned companies and banks are playing an ever-increasing role in the colony's economic life.

The governor said officials he met on his trip constantly stressed the value of Hong Kong to China, and the importance of maintaining confidence and investment in the colony.

The question of business confidence in Hong Kong is linked to the lease on the greater part of Hong Kong which runs out in 1997.

Hong Kong Island and Kowloon were ceded to Britain in perpetuity, but the New Territories, which make up more than 90 per cent of the colony's land area, were handed over in 1898 on a 99-year lease. If China did take the New Territories back when the lease expires, it is highly unlikely that Britain would attempt to hold on to just the island and Kowloon.

But the lease is a red herring. The Chinese government does not recognize the treaty that established it, and Hong Kong will almost certainly continue in its present role for as long as it is useful to China.

The Portuguese territory of Macao, 40 miles (65 km) west of Hong Kong, is in a similar situation, although it is much smaller and less prosperous than the British colony.

The only part of the former Portuguese Empire still under Portuguese administration, Macao is regarded by neither side as a colony. When China and Portugal established diplomatic relations in February, both countries emphasized that there would be no change in the territory's status.

With its recent conciliatory stance towards Taiwan, China has pledged that the island can retain its economic and social structure once it is politically "re-integrated" with the mainland, so as to reassure the Taiwanese that their comparatively high standard of living will not suffer as a result.

Whether the people of Taiwan ever take up the suggestion remains to be seen, but it points to a possible solution of the problem of Hong Kong and Macao when the Chinese authorities finally decide that a change is necessary.

In many ways, China already treats the two colonies, and also Taiwan, as an integral part of the country. Telephone and mail charges are assessed on internal rates and China's parliament, the National People's Congress, includes delegates "representing" all three areas.

In terms of Hong Kong alone, there is much that China can learn from the colony's experience in industry, commerce and finance, and it seems eager to do so to speed up its modernization plans. — (R)

saudi press review

Commenting on the OAU decision to suspend Egypt's membership and to freeze its participation in the three companies associated with it, "Al-Nadwa" said the Arabs "are entitled to take any decisions to protect their interests. They should take any precautions necessary to prevent the Egyptian regime from making use of Arab oil and gas products. It is unfortunate," the paper said, "that on the same day the decision was taken, the oil ministers of Israel and Egypt met to discuss Egyptian oil supplies to Israel nearly at cost price on the pretext that Israeli companies were responsible for exploration, production and marketing. At a time of worldwide condemnation of Israel, we see Egypt building new bridges with it and considering it a new ally against right and justice," the paper said.

"Al-Jazirah" forecast a "hot summer" in the Middle East "which may well precipitate a new war."

"The escalation of Palestinian resistance (ten men died this week in operations inside the occupied lands), the Lebanese army march into southern Lebanon, the opening of the Jordanian front for the resistance, are some of the reasons for expecting a war."

"The underlying cause, of course, is the separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel which tried to impose a deceptive peace that is merely a consolidation of Israeli domination. This may drive Israel to attack the Syrian, Lebanese and Jordanian fronts."

"Two elements will help the Israelis unless we are prepared to meet the attack," the paper said. "The exit of the Egyptian army from the frontline and Israeli treachery, may earn it a limited victory."

The paper listed weapons and men that Israel can mass along these fronts in addition to 400 jet

fighters. This calls for concentrating everything we have on those fronts in anticipation of the war. If this can be done we should have an edge over the enemy with a ratio of 3 to 1 in armaments and 10 to one in men," the paper said.

"Okeez" said Jordan's reiteration of the unity of the two banks of the river Jordan "is consistent with that country's policy."

The paper quoted a Jordanian minister's statement on the issue and that the Palestinians should determine their own future. This is the core of the whole issue, the paper said.

Arab summit conferences have clearly stated that the FLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians and it is the only body qualified to negotiate on their behalf.

According to "Al-Riyadh" the Egyptian regime "will not be able to withstand the Arab economic and political boycott although Cairo imagines it can do so."

"The regime will pay dearly for flouting the Arab will and the reaction will be enormous, not only by the Palestinians but also by the other Arabs who will never forgive Cairo's stab in the back or the attempt to pollute a well that had just quenched its thirst."

"Perhaps Cairo was shocked by the OAU resolutions for it was a staggering slap calculated to drive home the meaning of the new Arab solidarity and that the Arab boycott will not be lifted until the surrender treaty is destroyed. Just as the Egyptian regime wants to get rid of the Palestinian problem, the Arabs want to get rid of the problem regime itself."

Discussing Dayan's statement on the future of the Golan Heights, "Al-Bilad" said it gave rise to three questions:

— "Is it an Israeli maneuver?"
 — Was the peace treaty only

one of a series to solve the Middle East problem?

"What does Soviet silence regarding the treaty mean. So far the Soviet Union has refrained from condemning the treaty too strongly."

"We should study Dayan's statement carefully," the paper added. "If it does not signify specific policy or reflect an American plan to continue negotiations, it will at best be a trial balloon, to put the ball in the Syrian court. But knowing the Israeli mentality, it is possible to conclude that the statement was made to make the peace treaty with Egypt more palatable to drive a wedge between the Syrians and the Iraqis a few weeks before the scheduled date for their unity."

"It is not unlikely that Dayan's maneuver may be a political cloak to launch a military attack against one of the Arab countries."



A male sea creature resembling humans was fished out the other day according to the papers; Husband to wife: I am going to look for a flat. — Al-Madina

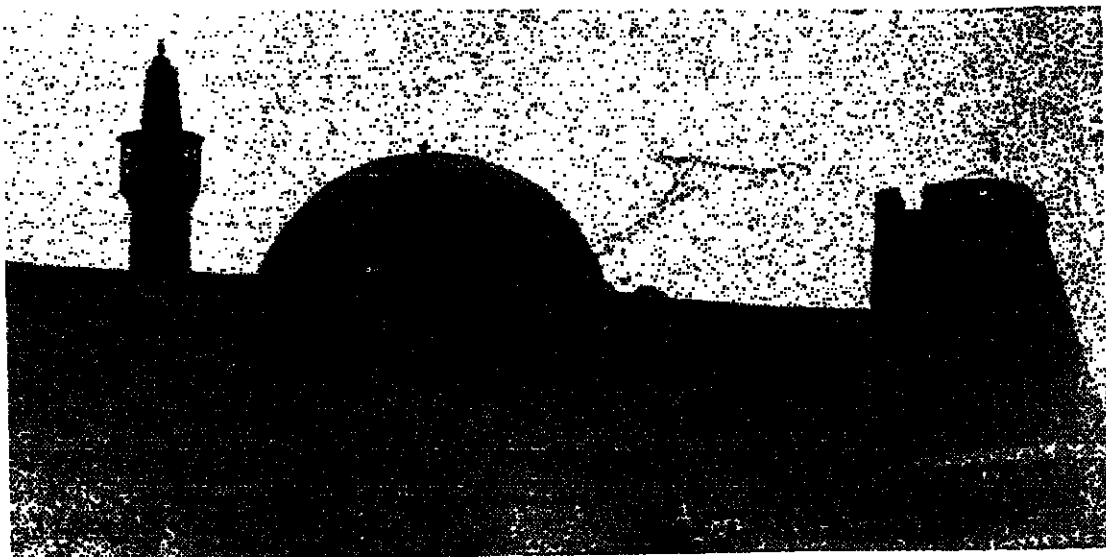
From the inferno to the garden

By Rosalind Ingrams

HOFUF—Here in the oasis of Asa in the Eastern Province, town seems to the traveller the West like a Garden of Eden. From Riyadh he will have a weary waste of 480 kilometers, in which the only feature is the red sand dunes of the Asa Sands. Towards the end of the journey, arriving at nightfall, the expression of awesome bleakness is suddenly given drama by extraordinary light of the burning up natural gas from the well. At first, seen from a distance, they seem like the Northern lights, pulsating on the horizon. Then, by the barren rocks and slopes are luridly lit up by the bright flames, resembling a landscape out of Dante's Inferno, or a demonic painting by Hieronymus Bosch.

Now different then is the scene which meets the eye in the light of day. Hofuf is one of the comfortable towns of the Kingdom, and must certainly be one of the best. Its importance lay historically in the fertile oasis of Al Hofuf in which it is situated, and its access to the coast and the trade routes. Now of its prosperity is based on oil which gushes out close by. The oasis is some 15 miles wide: date gardens spread as far as the eye can see. The water of Al Hofuf wells up in great pools without the aid of pumps. The water is pure and sometimes sulphurous. The water is channelled along in concrete canals, the work of the Hasa Drainage and Irrigation Authority.

Former times the abundance of water even caused swamps and a jungle of vegetation. The traveller W.G. Palgrave described the scene:



Qasr Ibrahim with the 16th century domed mosque



George, an Arab stallion in Hofuf, with friends

surprisingly called George. The sight of a pure-bred Arabian grey—outside of a riding stable—has become something of a rarity in the Kingdom.

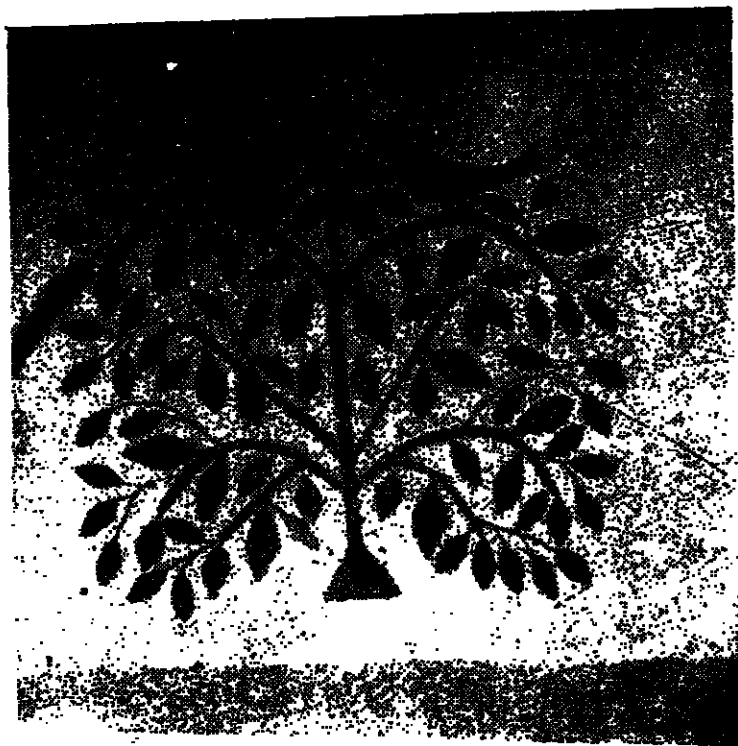
Nearby is the area where the old covered souk runs. This must be one of the most attractive souks left in Arabia. It is still housed in its original quarters and is well and neatly kept. A feature of Hofuf building is the excellence of the roofing, which is done with a series of small trim beams, varnished or painted, and laid close together. In between can be seen fine woven matting, like rattan but finer. The effect is extremely neat and pleasing, especially when the ceiling runs without a break for a good hundred yards as in the souk. There is also decorative plasterwork to be seen at some major intersections of alleyways.

Beyond the main souk, i.e. south, across the road, is the smaller, humbler but fascinating women's souk. A number of

light, and full of air! "For use in the water," was the explanation.

And indeed we later saw some of the famous Hasa pools crowded with men and boys enjoying themselves hugely in the water. For a non-swimmer an inflated skin would be just the thing.

In a street close to the souk stood a once-handsome house, its carved wooden door under the decorated entrance arch invitingly ajar. The upper storey was in semi-ruin, but the downstairs seemed sound enough. Inside, the former quality of the house was at once evident. A courtyard ran round the building, with arches indented in the style of India. A similar, lower series ran round the upper floor. Handsome wooden doors opened onto well proportioned rooms, with well-made windows and niches. This was certainly the house of a well-to-do family, such as the houses described with admiration by



A fresco design in an empty Hofuf house

women were spinning yarn onto their spindles from white fleece, and proudly showed the rugs which were their ultimate product. Silver trinkets were for sale, and some gaily patterned rush baskets using bright green and purple.

Most striking of all was a row of curious objects which it took a minute or two to identify. They were animal hides, plumped up with—what? Curds was one suggestion, but no, they were feather

W.G. Palgrave in his "Travels in Central and Eastern Arabia" (1862).

There was almost delightful feature in this house. In the principal room on the ground floor, containing the coffee hearth, vivid frescoes were painted all along the walls. As Palgrave noted: "Decorative figures painted on the walls... give a cheerful and



A typical Hofuf house, now in ruin

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom.

JEDDAH

Friday, April 20:

An outing to an ancient dam site in the Wadi Liyyah, 14 kilometers southeast of Taif, sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Natural History Society. Meet 11:45 a.m. outside the Azzizia Hotel in Taif. Information, telephone Joe White at 59451, ext. 212.

Saturday, April 21:

Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22:

A tax seminar for U.S. workers will be given by an IRS representative. At the U.S. Embassy, 2 p.m. The representative will be available for individual consultations at the U.S. Embassy Consulate wing during working hours Saturday, April 21 until Monday, April 23.

Monday, April 23:

Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting. A demonstration of scratch-board technique will be Debbie Kim Smith. At the U.S. Geological Survey compound recreation room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25:

The annual general meeting of the Jeddah Light Opera Society. At Vivian Brown's residence, British Embassy compound, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 27:

The Red Sea Sailing Association's Spring Regatta. The Dunhill Sunfish Trophy, the Crystal Handicap Trophy and the Britannia Trophy await winners. Racing commences at 11:45 a.m. Details, telephone Peter Taylor at 58742. Open to non-members, at the RSSA clubhouse, Obhur.

RIYADH

Saturday, April 21 — Thursday, April 26:

"South Pacific," a musical by Rogers and Hammerstein, will be presented by the Riyadh Players. At the U.S. Military Training Mission on Airport Road between Petromin Circle and the airport. At 8 p.m. Tickets, SR 15.

Saturday, April 21:

A beginning German language course starts at the German School in Maalaz, 6:30 p.m. Inquiries should be made Saturday

between 9 a.m. — 10 a.m., telephone 63465.

Sunday, April 22:

Desert Ramblers meeting. Topics will include first aid in the desert and animal survival in the desert. At the tennis courts opposite the Hotel Osman in Suleimaniya, 8 p.m. Bring your own chairs.

Monday, April 23:

"Saudi Arabia in Slides," a presentation by Dr. Taha Al-Farra of the College of Education. At the Culture Tent, Arabic Language Institute, 8 p.m. Admission free. (The presentation was originally scheduled for April 2.)

Tuesday, April 24 — Thursday, April 26:

An IRS representation will be holding a series of seminars for U.S. taxpayers at the U.S. Military Training Mission on Airport Road. Seminars are scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m., and Thursday at 10 a.m. The representative will also be available until May 1 for individual consultations at the U.S. Embassy liaison office during normal working hours.

Friday, April 27:

A Spring Carnival presented by the Riyadh Recreation Association. Rides, games food, rummage sale and arts and crafts. At the Riyadh Stables, 2 p.m. — 6 p.m. Admission, SR 10 for adults, SR 5 for children.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, April 19

"APEX-VIII," The Arabian Philatelic Association's 8th Annual Exhibit. At the Aramco Auditorium, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free.

Aramco Materials Supply Organization Open House. Guided tours of displays and exhibits. 9 a.m. at the Materials Supply Building at the end of F Street, Aramco. Free.

Friday, April 20

Soccer. Itifaq versus Itihad at the Dammam Stadium 7:30 a.m. Tickets SR 5-50.

Annual gathering of former students of Texas and University. 5-9 p.m. Aramco House 609.

Saturday, April 21 — Wednesday, April 25

British Book Exhibit at UPM. Over 500 books on the Middle East and a selection of books on commerce and business management will be on display at the Library. Sat.-Tues., 7:30 a.m. — 11 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. Open to the public.

refined look."

The frescoes had been executed with a sure hand: the patterns were the perennial decorative motifs of trees with all their leaves and branches symmetrically displayed, some with birds upon them, some with dark red pomegranates or bright lemons hanging.

In addition there were mildly trompe l'oeil depictions of shelves with household objects painted on them (e.g. shishas, for smoking), and on a side wall, an American wall-clock, carefully outlined in blue. The whole effect was one of great charm. The paint was in excellent condition, the walls of the entire house sound, the beams and rushwork of the ceilings seemed new, the wood-

work was strong.

Why the place was abandoned, half-destroyed and full of rubbish seemed a mystery. It would make a habitation infinitely more attractive than any modern villa. Or, if no one cared to live in it, what an ideal home for a museum a house like this would make. A small museum recording the history of

Hasa and Hofuf (the region is rich in antiquities) could be housed in a civilized example of a past way of life.

Hofuf has a convenient well-run hotel, the Al Ghazala. A modest double room without shower or bath is not cheap at SR230; the service and the food are pleasant, however.

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Over Brewers

Homer in 9th sends Red Sox high

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — Fred Lynn smacked his sixth home run of the season to drive in the winning runs with one out in the bottom of the ninth as the Boston Red Sox edged Milwaukee 6-5 Tuesday.

Jerry Remy led off the Red Sox's ninth with a single and took the second on a sacrifice. Lynn then lined his homer into the right-field stands off Brewers pitcher Reggie Cleveland. Sixto Lezcano hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs for the Brewers.

In other American League games, Nolan Ryan tossed a four-hitter, striking out 10 and walking three, and claimed his 38th career shutout as California downed Minnesota 6-0 in the Twins' home opener. In his first appearance at his old home stadium, Angels first baseman Rod Carew went 1-for-4 on an eighth-inning single. Willie Aikens hit a solo homer for California to spark a four-run fifth inning.

Ron Guidry tossed a three-hitter for his first victory of the

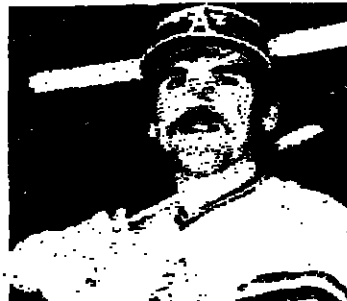


Jerry Remy

season and Reggie Jackson's seventh-inning homer gave the New York Yankees a 5-1 victory over Baltimore. Guidry struck out 10 and walked two.

Buddy Bell drove in three runs with two sacrifice flies and a single as Texas ran its record to 7-1 with a 6-2 victory over Cleveland.

Steve Kemp snapped a 3-3 tie with an RBI single off Al Grabosky and Milt May followed with a two-run double in the seventh inning to power Detroit to



Jim Essian

a 6-3 victory over Kansas City. Royals manager Whitey Herzog played the game under protest because of an interference call in the top of the seventh on baserunner Hal McRae.

Wayne Nordhagen had two hits and drove in a pair of runs to back the combined three-hit pitching of Francisco Barrios and Mike Proly as the Chicago White Sox downed Toronto 6-1.

In the National League, Rodney Scott drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 12th to give

Montreal a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets.

Dave Kingman smacked a two-run homer and rookie Scott Thompson drove in two runs and scored another to help the Chicago Cubs defeat St. Louis 5-3. Ken Holtzman got his first NL victory since 1971 with eighth-inning relief help from Bruce Sutter.

In the late AJ game, Jim Essian's bases-loaded since in the bottom of the ninth gave the Oakland A's a 6-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners, in front of the A's smallest home crowd ever, 653, on a chilly, windy night.

Standing:
American League
East

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	5	3	.625	½
New York	6	4	.600	1 ½
Detroit	4	4	.500	2 ½
Toronto	4	6	.400	2 ½
Baltimore	3	7	.300	3 ½
Cleveland	12	7	.222	4
West				
Texas	7	1	.875	—
California	8	3	.727	½
Minnesota	7	3	.700	1
Kansas City	5	5	.500	8 3
Chicago	4	6	.400	4
Seattle	5	8	.385	4 ½
Oakland	3	9	.250	6

National League
East

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	7	2	.778	—
Philadelphia	5	3	.625	1 ½
St. Louis	4	4	.500	2 ½
Pittsburgh	4	6	.400	3 ½
New York	3	5	.375	3 ½
Chicago	2	5	.286	4
West				
Houston	8	4	.667	—
San Francisco	7	5	.583	1
Cincinnati	6	6	.500	2
Los Angeles	6	7	.462	2 ½
San Diego	5	7	.417	3
Atlanta	4	7	.364	3 ½



FIRST HOME: American jockey Seve Canthen on Philodantes gets home first from Man of Vision (B. Raymond) in the Easter Stakes at Kempton Park, England, last weekend. But after an objection Man off Vision was declared the winner.

Glasgow fans go wild for local boy

Watt wins lightweight crown

GLASGOW, Scotland, April 18 (R) — Jim Watt of Britain became the world lightweight boxing champion here Tuesday night when he stopped Alfredo Pitalua of Colombia in the twelfth round of a memorable fight.

Pitalua dominated the early stages but Watt knocked him down with a left hook in the seventh and gradually took command until the referee stepped in to save the Colombian from further punishment.

The bout was for the World

Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight crown, last held by Panama's Roberto Duran, but the rival World Boxing Association (WBA) has no champion and Watt could soon be recognized as undisputed king of this division.

Watt lived up to his reputation as a slow starter despite the roars of his home town crowd.

Pitalua turned in an aggressive performance and looked the likely winner for most of the contest, but he seemed to run out of stamina and was hardly able to defend himself as Watt forced him onto the ropes in the last two rounds.

But boxers said afterwards that the partisan crowd had made the difference between victory and defeat. "The fans were tremendous," Watt said.

"We think we could beat Watt anywhere except in Glasgow," said Pitalua's manager Vicente Torres. "It was a great fight but I don't think he is a great champion." The contest developed into a battle between the Colombian's attacking instinct and Watt's caution and artistry.

Pitalua seemed to shrug off the difficulties of the surroundings. Before the start, he stood alone and almost friendless while Watt was led in by a band of pipers accompanied by an ear-splitting roar from the crowd.

Pitalua soon silenced much of the noise. From the second round to the sixth, he frequently found his way through the Scotsman's guard.

Watt jabbed effectively but most of the time he was on the retreat and with Pitalua landing some fine hooks with both hands, he seemed to be building a hefty lead.

The turning point came after one minute of the seventh, when Watt landed a savage hook on the Colombian's chin.

Pitalua bounced up straightaway, but American referee Arthur Mercante thought he was hurt sufficiently to give an eight count.

The handsome Colombian was never the same after that although Watt failed to overcome his early lead on points.

Luckily for him, that did not

matter. He had Pitalua on the ropes, almost helpless, at the end of the eleventh, and in the twelfth did it again.

This time, with one minute 55 seconds of the round gone, Mercante separated them and declared Watt the champion.

This was Pitalua's fifth defeat in 35 fights and means his family has been denied the opportunity of a second world champion — Pitalua's half-brother Rodrigo Valdes was world middleweight champion.

Pitalua weighed in at 155 pounds (61.23 kilograms) and Watt scaled 134½ pounds (61.00 kg) for the scheduled 15 rounds.

TO THE BASKET: Philadelphia 76er "Dr. J.", Julius Erving, center, carries the ball to the basket against the New Jersey Nets last weekend. Defending for the Nets are Jan VanBredaKolff, left, and George Johnson.



Sixers fail in Texas

Atlanta burns NBA defenders 107-99

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks and Philadelphia 76ers are heading home, one team having accomplished its short-range goal and the other hoping that home cooking will get it on the right track.

The surprising Hawks evened their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series Tuesday with a 107-99 victory over the defending National Basketball Association champion Washington Bullets. The series resumes Friday in Atlanta, where the Hawks have won 17 straight games.

The Sixers, reeling under a two-game deficit in their series with San Antonio after a 121-120 loss in Texas Tuesday, return to Philadelphia wondering if they can stop George Gervin.

The Western Conference semifinals got under way with Seattle besting Los Angeles 112-101 and Phoenix defeating Kansas City 102-99. The Sonics entertain the Lakers again Wednesday while the Suns host the Kings again Friday.

"This victory gives us control of the series," said Hawks center Tree Rollins, who was scoreless in Atlanta's opening loss to the Bullets but had 13 points in game 2. "If we win in Atlanta, we take the series."

The Washington fans saw the real Hawks as Atlanta made some defensive adjustment and hustled all over the court, typical of Coach Hubie Brown's style.

Atlanta's balanced scoring was led by Roundfield and Eddie Johnson with 17 points. Drew and Terry Furlow had 14. Hayes, who

had 31 in the opener, scored 10 points but had eight rebounds, four assists and seven block shots.

Seattle overcame a 17-point first-half deficit, took the lead good with 5:46 left in the third period and held off Los Angeles. Gus Williams was high for Sonics with 27 points and Det Johnson had 26. Karim Ab Jabbar paced the Lakers with 21 points.

"I still think the key is how we play Gus Williams," said Lakers coach Jerry West. "We did do good tonight. I thought played well but our inability to stop Williams and Dennis Johnson hurt us."

Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens said, "The most pleasing thing that we won after the layoff one week after a first-round loss. At the start we were not in national rhythm. We felt that long as we kept playing defense would come around."

The Midwest division champion Kings did not look a bit rusty in their first half after their week-long layoff. But the Suns poked and took the lead for good 1:44 left in the third period.

Paul Westphal had 25 points and Walter Davis 24 for Phoenix. The Kings were led by Otis B. Song's 20 points.

"We stood too much, didn't good shots and they got back the game," said Kings coach Cotton Fitzsimmons.

France's women golfers cancel South Africa tour

PARIS, April 18 (R) — A South African tour by the French women's national golf team has been cancelled at the last minute on the French government's recommendation.

The six-girl team was due to leave France Wednesday morning for a three-week tour of South Africa. The decision to cancel the visit was taken Tuesday by the French Golf Federation.

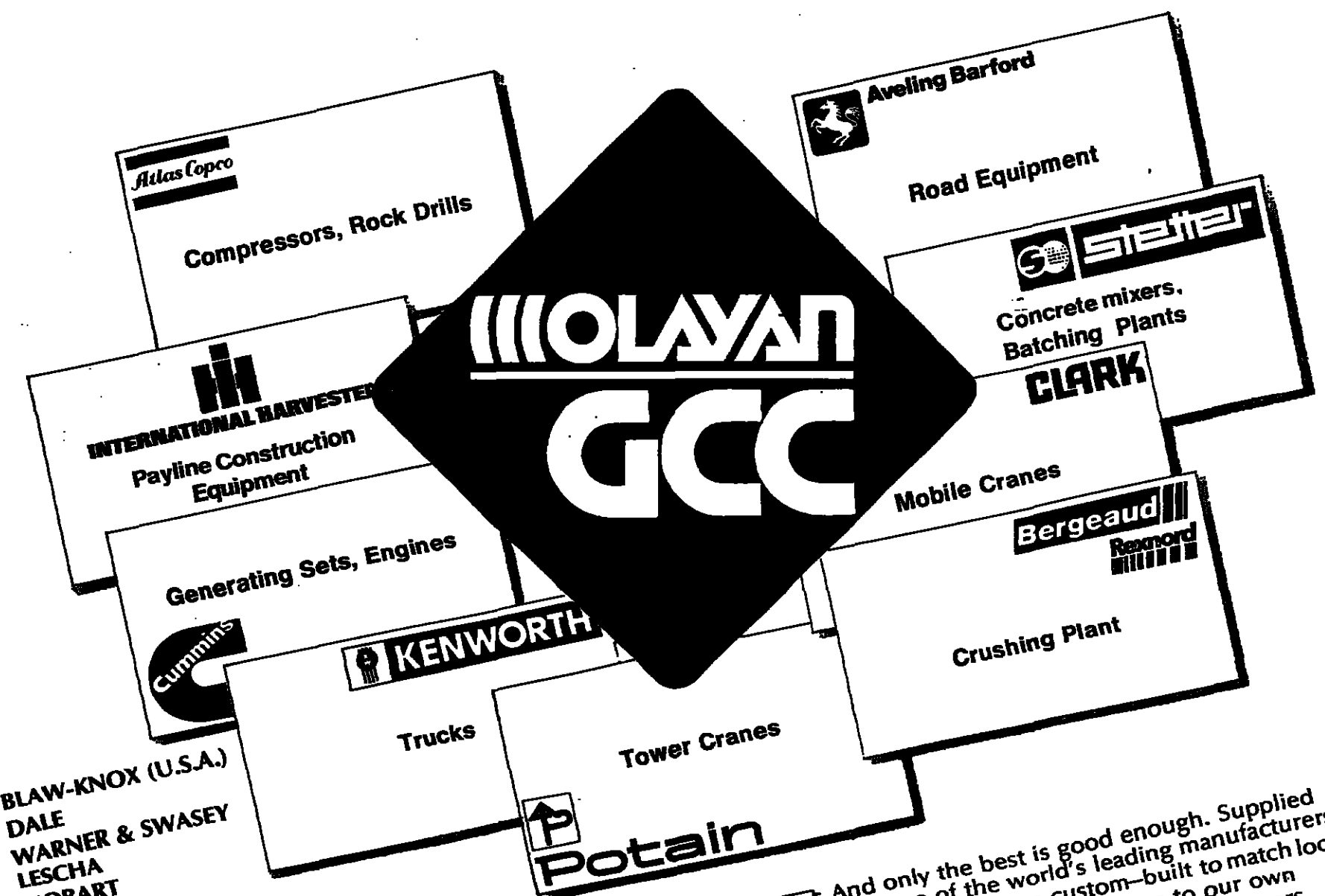
Federation Secretary General Claude-Roger Cartier said: "We do not want France to be excluded

from the Moscow Olympic Games because of our women golf players."

Las, week, a four-match tour in France by a South Africa's Springboks rugby union side was similarly cancelled at the last minute after the government said it was "inopportune."

Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncelet said a planned visit by the Springboks next October was also inopportune, whether or not black players were included in the squad.

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Starting in fall

U.S. oil firms plan tests of Chinese offshore areas

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — A second group of U.S. oil companies has agreed with the Chinese government to begin looking for oil and gas off the coast of China, Standard Oil Company of Indiana announced Tuesday.

Standard's Amoco International Oil Division, the Citco International Petroleum Division of Citicorp, Pennzoil Co. and Irwin Oil Company of California will perform the offshore survey. The exploration probably will start "after July" at an undisclosed location, Amoco spokesman Carl Meyerdirk said.

In March, Atlantic Richfield Co. and Santa Fe International Corp. said they had agreed with the Chinese to begin an offshore survey project. The starting date and the area to be explored have

not been announced.

China has been holding discussions on offshore surveys with several other foreign oil companies, and Meyerdirk said "I would expect that a lot" of other exploration projects will be announced.

At Exxon Corp., which sent a group of executives to China last summer and which has played host to several Chinese delegations, spokesman Bill Smith said, "we're still talking."

The oil companies have not disclosed whether they or the Chinese will finance the exploration projects, or who will develop any oil or gas that is located.

China's crude oil output in 1978 has been estimated by several oil industry studies at around 2.4 mil-

lion barrels a day, about one-quarter of Saudi Arabia's 1978 production rate.

China unofficially has said its recoverable offshore deposits total 74 billion barrels, and has drilled an estimated 70 wells off its coast, but the Central Intelligence Agency has said it believes the deposits total 39 billion barrels. Other industry estimates have pegged the offshore reserve at about 40 per cent of China's estimate.

China has agreed to sell Japan increasing quantities of oil — rising from 140,000 barrels a day in 1978 to 600,000 barrels daily by 1982 — and has sold small quantities of oil to U.S. buyers.

A Coastal States Gas Corp. refinery in California was reported to have bought 3.6 million barrels of crude oil from China last year, and Exxon said it purchased an "infinitesimal" quantity from the Chinese.

Indonesia

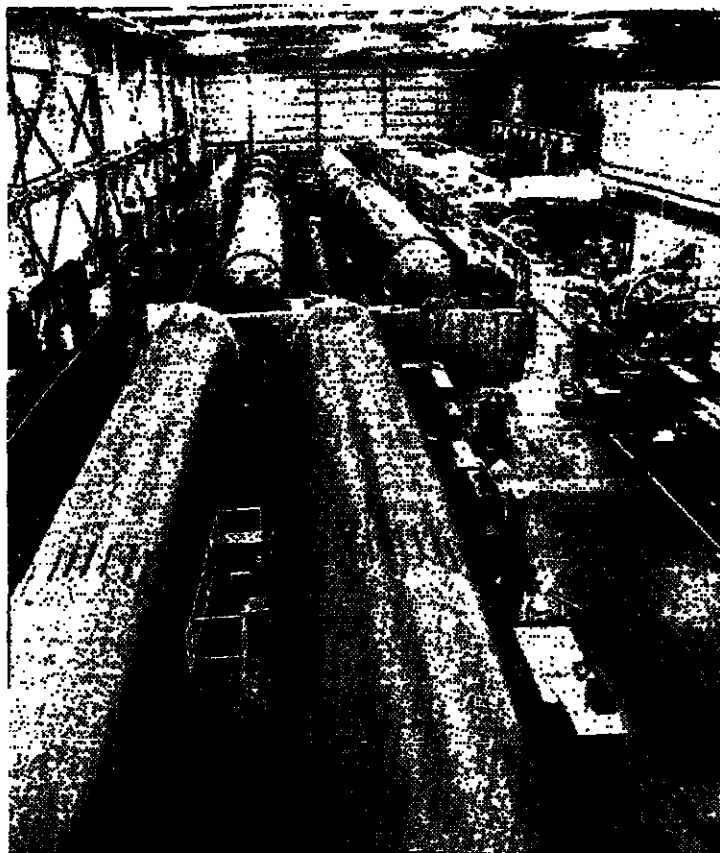
In Los Angeles an Indonesian official said Tuesday his nation will "adhere to the decision of the OPEC countries" in setting crude oil prices but added "we cannot push the prices so high that it will create problems for other countries."

The vice chairman of Indonesia's development planning agency however, declined to speculate on how high the price of oil would go.

Indonesia is a member of OPEC but the official indicated he felt his nation could not be arbitrary in setting prices for its crude oil.

"We must consider the interests of others when setting oil prices," he said.

Indonesia currently produces 1.6 million barrels of oil daily, and the nation plans to continue exploring for new fields.



ROCKETS: Delta launch vehicles are being built at a plant in Huntington Beach in California. Employed in over 125 missions, the Delta is used to launch meteorological communications and scientific satellites. Picture shows the rocket production line.

Dollar 'relaxes' after long week of gaining

TOKYO, April 18 (AP) — After an upward movement that began last Thursday, the U.S. dollar eased off slightly in trading Wednesday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market.

The dollar finished Wednesday's activity, described as active, at 217.575 yen. It had closed Tuesday at 217.925 yen.

The U.S. currency opened Wednesday at 218.00 yen and climbed 218.10. It dropped before noon, however, then held mostly stable through the afternoon, dealers said. The Bank of Japan was believed to have intervened slightly in morning trading in a move to support the yen.

One dealer described the day's trading as "a breathing spell" for the yen.

"We can't tell if the yen is going to firm up," he added.

In Europe, the U.S. dollar opened lower in Wednesday, while gold bullion prices jumped by about two dollars an ounce.

Morning rates in Europe, compared with Tuesday:

Frankfurt — 1.8968 Deutsche marks, down from 1.9017.

Zurich — 1.7177 Swiss francs, down from 1.7238.

Paris — 4.36 French francs, down from 4.3725.

Amsterdam — 2.0535 Dutch guilders, down from 2.0585.

Milan — 842.30 Italian lire, down from 844.05.

In London, the British pound was little altered at \$2.0855.

New York volume heavy

Housing starts up but market down

NEW YORK, April 18 — After trying to open on the upside, the market, on news that housing starts were up for March, fell off the rest of the day Tuesday. At the close, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 2.52, transports fell 29, and utilities lost 14. Volume of trading for the day was 29.4 million shares as losers outnumbered gainers by a slight margin. The American Stock fell 38 to 178.65.

Gambling stocks showed heavy volume with Bally off 2 to 76 1/2, Caesars World off 1 1/2 to 72 1/2, Hilton added 1 to 33 1/2, Resorts lost 2 1/2 to 44 and Holiday Inns fell 3/4 to 19 1/4.

Growth and glamour issues were mixed with Abbott Laboratories off 1/4 to 31 3/4, Eli Lilly rose 1/4 to 54 1/4, Pfizer up 1/4 to 32, Schering Plough off 1/2 to 27 1/2, Honeywell added 1 to 68 1/2, IBM gained 1/2 to 312 1/2, Eastman Kodak lost 1/2 to 63, Fairchild Camera rose 1 1/2 to 39 1/2, Hewlett Packard up 1 to 94 1/2, Texas Instruments off 1/2 to 82 1/2, Associated Dry Goods up 1/2 to 18 1/2, Sears gained 1/2 to 21 1/2, Walt Disney lost 1/4 to 38 and CBS up 1/2 to 44 1/4.

Among the energy issues,

Atlantic Richfield added 1/2 to 63 1/2, Mesa Petroleum off 1/4 to 41, Standard of Ohio lost 1/2 to 48 1/2, and Hughes Tool down 1/2 to 48 1/2.

Basic industries were down with the exception of the paper issues with Kimberly Clark up 1/2 to 47 1/2, St. Regis gained 1/2 to 30 1/2, Westvaco up 1/2 to 28 1/2 and Weyerhaeuser added 1/2 to 29 1/2.

Among the auto and machinery issues, GM added 1/4 to 57 1/2, Bucyrus Erie lost 1/2 to 19 1/2, and Joy Mfg lost 1/4 to 31 1/2.

Chemicals declined with Allied Chemicals off 1 to 33 1/2, DuPont lost 2 to 135 1/2, and Stauffer off 1/2 to 43.

Aerospace, airlines and rails were mixed with Boeing off 1/2 to

42 1/2, Braniff fell 1/4 to 11 1/2, Delta lost 1/4 to 33 1/2, Burlington Northern added 1/4 to 45, and Norfolk and Western up 1/4 to 25 1/2.

Among the electrical equipments and metals, G.E. lost 1/2 to 48, Robertshaw down 1/2 to 20 1/2, Westinghouse fell 1/4 to 17 1/2, Reynolds added 1/4 to 38, Kennecott fell 1/2 to 22 1/2 and Newmont lost 1/4 to 23 1/2.

Precious metals advanced with ASA up 1/2 to 24, Dome Mines gained 1/4 to 84, and Rosario up 1/2 to 23 1/2.

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Energy Department findings

U.S. said still on 'gas binge'

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — Americans are on a "gasoline consumption binge" that could easily mean long lines at gasoline pumps this summer, U.S. Energy Department officials said Tuesday.

Despite insistent warnings of diminishing fuel supplies, Americans are driving more now than they were at the same time during 1978, said the officials, who declined to be identified publicly.

"We regard this as a very ominous sign," one official said. "We could go into the driving season without a sufficient stock required through the summer."

The warnings were issued along with a report on how the United States plans to meet an international promise to cut oil imports by 5 per cent.

The so-called "Iranian response plan" is part of an agreement among 20 nations that belong to the International Energy Agency. Each vowed to reduce demand following the supply interruption from Iran.

The report predicted that if all 20 consuming nations meet the goal of reducing demand, "the pressures to permanently increase world oil prices will be minimized."

The official said that to meet the 5 per cent goal, the United States will have to reduce oil and gasoline consumption by 1 million barrels daily. Largely through shifts of oil to natural gas in industrial plants and utilities, imports have been cut by 300,000 barrels daily.

Officials said that if the 5 per cent figure is to be met, projected imports for 1979 have to be cut to an average of 8.5 million barrels daily.

Most of the conservation measures — some mandatory, some voluntary — had been described previously in connection with other Carter administration energy policies.

They include plans to set specific goals for voluntary cutbacks on energy consumption by each state, shifting from oil to natural gas in utilities and industry and proposals before Congress for standby authority to close gasoline stations on weekends.

So far, American voluntary conservation efforts have produced few results, at least on the consumer level. A 55 mile-an-hour speed limit imposed several years ago in an effort to cut gasoline use has saved many lives on the highways but hasn't appreciably cut oil imports.

And voluntary programs for lowering thermostats in winter and raising them in summer have only had short-term effects on the U.S. consumption picture.

Miller won't give in to interest rate hike

WASHINGTON, April 18

(AP) — The head of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board says he won't give in to pressures from the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter to raise interest rates further because he fears the move could lead to a serious recession.

Board Chairman G. William Miller, appointed by Carter a year ago, said he doesn't think the president agrees with the pressure tactics that Miller blamed on "low-echelon people."

"The president will never apply pressure, I'm sure ... He's respected the independence of the Fed," Miller said in an interview.

The chairman indicated he is satisfied with current board policies, saying, "we're in the range of prudence." There has been little change in policy since last November, when the board's open market committee pushed interest rates to near-record levels.

The committee is a 12-member body that decides money and interest rate policies. Its decisions are not announced until a month after they are made.

Miller said some of the pressures for higher interest rates may be coming from people working for Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal. If they "continue to want to behave in that way, then I expect he'll just ask them to resign," Miller said of Blumenthal.

The treasury secretary is considered the chief advocate of an increase in interest rates to help slow the economy and assist the struggle against inflation, although Blumenthal has not said so publicly.

Miller said he doesn't think the Federal Reserve Board should try to cool the economy with higher interest rates at this time because the economy already is cooling off sufficiently.

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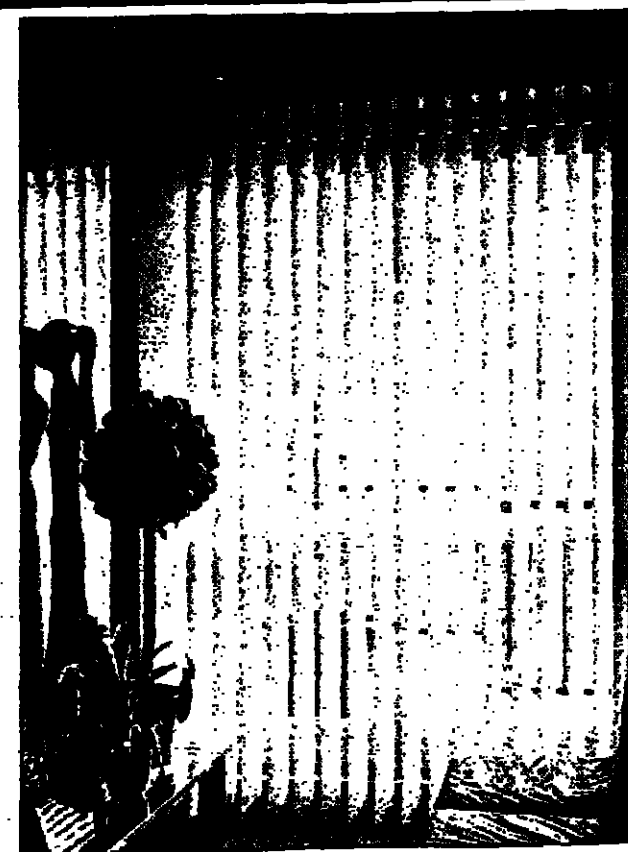
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"	Constructing of barriers to check floods in the villages of Al-Qoz	"	1000	June 30
"	Fencing of graveyard in Wadi Al-Dawaser	"	200	July 1
"	Fencing of graveyards of Bilad Al-Hareth in Taif	"	500	July 2
Municipality of Mecca	Operating and maintaining of lighting network in Mecca, Bahra, Shumaisi and the road leading to the holy sites	20	500	May 7

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	7.05	7.12	7.12
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.25	177.75
Swiss F (100)	196.00	198.00	196.00
French F (100)	78.00	78.00	77.55
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.00	4.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.25	107.65
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.25	87.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.50	74.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	78.50	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.40	34.40
Gold kg	—	25,600	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,020	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.57	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.94	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	1.69	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

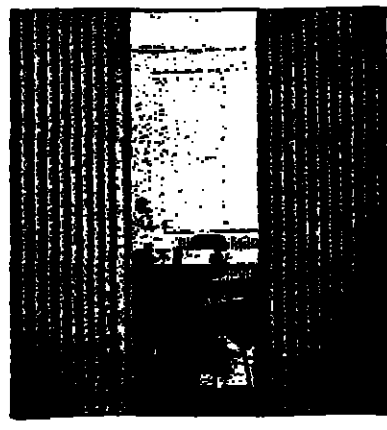
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1st Chinese ship docks at U.S. port

SEATTLE, Wash. April 18 (AP) — The Red flag of China was due to fly in a United States harbor for the first time in 30 years Wednesday morning when a Chinese freighter slips into Seattle for a load of corn. The Liu Lin Hai will arrive carrying only salt water ballast, but when it leaves Thursday it will be loaded with 30,000 tons of corn from Minnesota. The arrival of the 632-foot bulk carrier marks the symbolic reopening of U.S.-China shipping lines, which have been closed since the Communist revolution in 1949.

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Middle East Shipping Information

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Civil aviation aide visits Jordan

AMMAN, April 18 (R) — A senior official from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) arrived here Wednesday for talks on his organization's assistance to the Jordanian Civil Aviation Directorate. Official sources here said that ICAO's director of technical assistance Bureau Jack Vivian would assess the effectiveness of the assistance provided by the international organization and discuss future requirements. Vivian, who arrived from Doha, Qatar, is expected to go to Saudi Arabia for the same purpose Friday.

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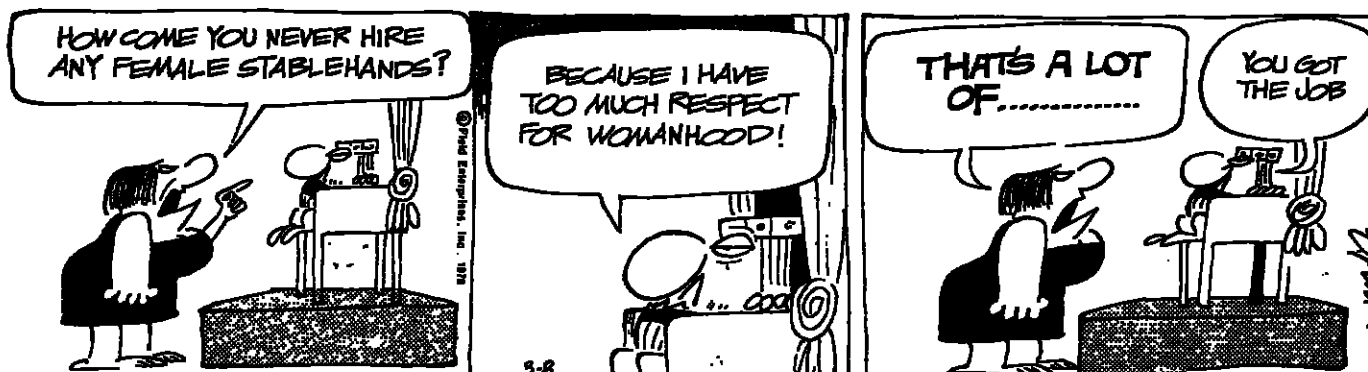
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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Be more self-effacing than you'd prefer for your best career success. Even hours favor getting in touch with friends. Exchange ideas.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Hidden factors may affect travel plans. Be careful of false promises and exaggeration on the part of another, but career gains possible.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20) ♊
A winning smile abets career efforts, but avoid carelessness or thoughtless expenditures. Later, keep in touch with friends, especially those afar.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22) ♋
There may be some friction with partners or peers. Show others how you effort will benefit them. Discuss plans.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Travel plans may conflict with tour duties. Try not to goof off on the job. Go along with the ideas of a mate or close ally.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Romantic plans are successful, up to a point. Resist

efforts of friends to extend the party to the wee small hours. Keep your limits.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Don't take things for granted or a career matter. A close ally may be slow to be appreciative, but be patient—later, you'll have good times.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
A close ally may be the only one who understands your present situation. Others are liable to find fault. Unfinished work could be done at home.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Watch out the exorbitant price of cars and carscapes with finances. Creative work should proceed anonymously. Exchange ideas.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Don't hide out in protection over an ego display. Don't go overboard about a relationship. Be on the lookout for household bargains.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Don't hide out in protection if you aren't using leisure time constructively. Find your corner space, then act on your creative ideas.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
A social occasion has romantic overtones. Don't, however, get acquainted with too much talk about yourself.

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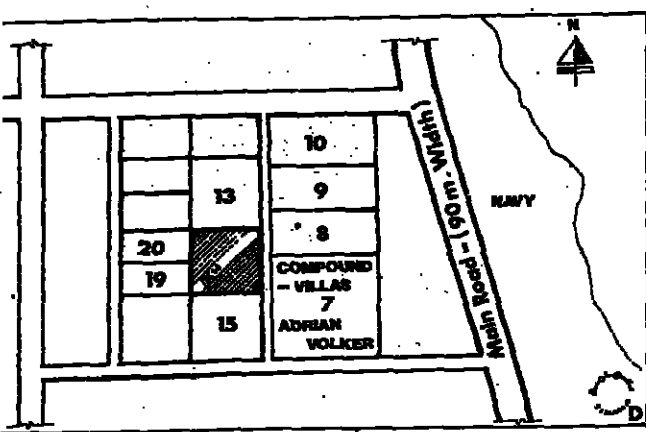
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Guerrilla threats ignored

Rhodesia poll drawing mass support

BULAWAYO, Rhodesia April 18 (AP) — Thousands of black voters, defiantly deaf to guerrilla leaders' calls to boycott this week's elections in embattled Rhodesia, continued to flock to polling stations here Wednesday.

Hundreds were for the second day of five days of polling queuing before voting started at 7 a.m. outside polling stations, ringed by sand bags and guarded by soldiers and troops against guerrillas

threats of sabotage.

In the mining town of Shabani, 120 miles southeast of this second Rhodesian city, 15 black teachers have been arrested for refusing to act as polling officers.

The teachers are to be tried in court there April 26 under the Emergency Powers Regulations which allow the government to conscript teachers for help in organizing elections.

In Bulawayo, some 100 blacks

said to be sympathizers of guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo have been detained on suspicion of plotting to disrupt the polls.

Nkomo, president of the Zambia-based Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), was born here and claims the Matabelela Province as his main stronghold.

Residents of the black townships surrounding cities in the southeast of Rhodesia say officials and supporters of Nkomo have

been going from house to house and stopping on the streets demanding a refusal to vote.

A low poll might be interpreted as tacit support for Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, president of the Mozambique-based Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), both of whom are fighting a six-year war for total black majority rule.

"The Nkomo boys are threatening people if they vote, but the people are ignoring them," Mathew Ncube, an office messenger said. "We know guerrillas are in the townships, but we are not afraid."

Police say an undisclosed number of guerrillas with arms and explosives have in the last few weeks infiltrated the townships to carry out their threat of spreading urban terrorism.

But no guerrilla activity in and around Bulawayo has been reported.

"We know it could break out at any time," said a police reservist, one of the 90,000 regular and reserve security forces mobilized throughout Rhodesia for the elections.

"But we reckon we'll be able to cope with everything they throw at us," he said.

Meanwhile, the West German government made clear Tuesday that it will not recognize the results of the elections.

In a statement to reporters, a foreign Ministry spokesman said elections "under martial law and with the exclusion of important forces" cannot provide a solution to the struggle within the country.

The ministry said "a new political order for an independent Zimbabwe" can only come about through "a free asserting of will by all relevant political forces."

has issued 106 notices of probable violation to service stations and 41 of those have agreed to roll back prices. It said one station in midtown New York is under investigation for selling unleaded premium gasoline for 99.9 cents a gallon.

Violation of the price guidelines could result in a maximum fine of \$2,500 a day per violation. But a "willful" violation could cost an operator up to \$10,000 a day and up to 1 year in prison.

Spot checks on service stations

U.S. teams fight illegal gas pricing

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — U.S. investigators are prowling New York City and Los Angeles in search of price-gouging service stations and the Energy Department says they'll be moving on to other cities soon.

The teams are part of the Energy Department's attempt to crack down on service stations taking advantage of rising gasoline prices by inflating their pump charges above permissible levels.

The Energy Department said Tuesday the 15-member teams now in New York and Los Angeles consist of investigators and auditors.

They are looking for stations that sell gasoline above federal gasoline price ceilings, which are based on prices charged as of May 15, 1975, and which take into account rises in wholesale prices and overhead costs.

The Energy Department says it

Bank of Italy aide under fire

ROME, April 18 (R) — A Rome public prosecutor Wednesday asked a judge to order the formal suspension from his post of Bank of Italy deputy director-general Mario Sarcinelli, arrested last month on charges of withholding information from investigating magistrates.

Sarcinelli has been accused of concealing details of loans made to the Sir Chemicals Group and of abuse of public office.

He was released from jail on April 5 but still faces the charges, some of which have also been levelled at the bank's governor, Paolo Baffi.

PLO aide urges military pact for solidarity

KUWAIT, April 18 (R) — A Palestinian leader was quoted Wednesday as saying there should be a pact of alliance and solidarity linking Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Zuheir Mohsen, head of the PLO military department and leader of the Syrian-backed Saiga Commando Organization, also praised last month's Baghdad Conference of Arab foreign and economy ministers in an interview with the Kuwait newspaper "Al-Qabas."

He told the paper's Beirut correspondent that, while the conference, which imposed political and economic sanctions against Egypt after it signed a peace treaty with Israel, had taken no measures against the United States, Oman and Sudan, it had asserted Arab solidarity and foiled many American plans.

From page one Troops

meiri took to the streets of the capital to demonstrate. The demonstrators represented the Mojahedeen Islam, a militant group which broke away from the Marxist line Mojahedeen Khalq. The Mojahedeen Islam back the Islamic revolutionary committees and seek a fundamentalist Islamic republic. The Mojahedeen Khalq formed a working alliance with the leftist Fedeyeen Khalq guerrillas earlier this week and announced its forces were at the unconditional disposal of Ayatollah Khomeini. The crowds snaked along Shah Reza Avenue chanting religious slogans and holding giant posters of Khomeini. No serious incidents were reported.



JUBILANT: Commander of the Ugandan National Liberation Army Col. David Oyite Ojok responds to the cheers of Kampala residents as he rides through the streets in triumph last Wednesday.

Civilians massacred in Uganda by Amin's forces, refugees say

KAMPALA, April 18 (R) — Troops of Idi Amin massacred civilians, in east Uganda in reprisal for a reported military triumph by anti-Amin forces, refugees said Wednesday.

Ugandans who fled into Kenya said bands of Amin's soldiers slaughtered the district commissioner at the border town of Tororo, while other citizens were dragged from their homes and shot.

"They are killing everybody in Tororo," said Miss Kabazoga.

Tororo's assistant district commissioner, who reached Kenya and telephoned Nairobi, the capital.

The latest victory by forces of the new transitional government in Uganda was reported by Akana Pajok, its minister of power, who said Tuesday night that they had secured the Owen Falls Dam which carries a road bridge across the Nile at Jinja.

Tanzanian soldiers thrust east from Kampala to take the dam and secure its power station, source of almost all Uganda's electricity, against the danger of sabotage, he said.

Kampala fell one week ago to an army of Tanzanians and returned Uganda exile troops who installed a new provisional government. But the bulk of the army had Tuesday night still to reach Jinja 50 miles east of Kampala, in its drive to gain control of the entire country.

One half of Uganda is not yet in the new government's hands and is still roamed by disorderly gangs of pro-Amin soldiers.

Amin is keeping his whereabouts a secret — as he was recently urged to do by the State Research Bureau, his main spy organization.

Captured files from the bureau's corpse-strewn offices in Kampala included a paper recommending that he keep his enemies guessing.

After saying that Uganda had

inflation running at 700 per cent a year, the new government imposed limits on cash withdrawals from banks Wednesday in a first step towards coping with the national bankruptcy left by Amin's eight-year rule.

Hundreds of Ugandans fled to Kenya last weekend. The Nairobi press is demanding that any secret police, soldiers or officials of the Amin government "with blood on their hands" be denied sanctuary.

Vietnamese start first peace talks with China

HONG KONG, April 18 (R) — Vietnam Wednesday opened border negotiations with China with a call for a demilitarized zone on their common frontier and the speedy exchange of prisoners of war.

Vice Foreign Minister Han Hien made the proposals at the start of discussions in Hanoi, the first time the two former allies have met at negotiating table since their border war in February.

Phan Hien, whose lengthy opening speech was carried in full by the Vietnam News Agency, said the situation on the border was very tense.

He accused China of maintaining troop positions at 10 points inside Vietnam and of massing "important military forces" along the border.

He called for both sides to agree to pull back their troops three to five kilometers from border positions held at the start of the war.

He also said the two sides should list their prisoners of war so that a speedy exchange could be arranged.

It was not known how many Chinese prisoners are in Vietnam. Estimates of the number of Vietnamese in China start at about 2,000.

Phan Hien said the Communist neighbor should set up a joint commission to oversee the establishment of a demilitarized zone and the prisoner exchanges.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong, whose reply was reported by the New China News Agency, promised to study the Vietnamese proposals and said positive results were possible if Hanoi was in earnest about the negotiations.

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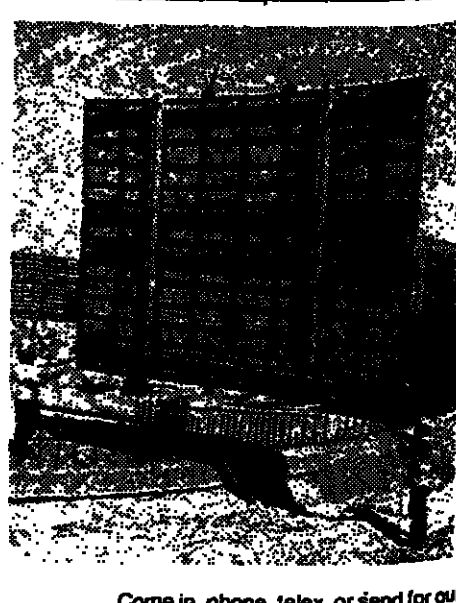
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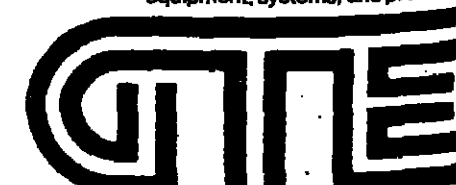
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